



Scarlet-banded Barbet is one of the mega birds on this amazing tour (János Oláh)!

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Our 2021 tour took place to this amazing part of the Peru! After a year and a half of worldwide lockdown it was amazing to be able to operate this tour, and finally do some South American birding adventure. Our Northern Peru tour is packed with amazing and rare birds, it is a must for everybody interested in South American birds. As Pete mentioned in the last reports, it is a “blockbuster tour” which “evolved over time” and indeed it has more and more to offer every year! It was different to be there after the lockdown though as very few birders and virtually no bird tours has been to this area for some time. Some of the lodges were closed or just reopening, hummingbird and other feeders were less active. So it was a lot of old-style birding what we enjoyed enormously! It was a great tour again with most of the hoped for mega goodies were seen well such as White-winged Guan, Yellow-faced Parrotlet, Long-whiskered Owlet, Scarlet Banded Barbet, Pale-billed Antpitta, Chachapoya Antpitta, Cerro Azul Antbird, Marvellous Spatuletail, Grey-bellied Comet, Peruvian Plantcutter and Painted Manakin plus the selection of Little, Grey-winged and Buff-bridled Inca Finches just to name but a few. Infrastructure also improving tour by tour and now the once dreaded muddy drive to Plataforma is done on a gravel road in a mere 2 hours. Add to the amazing selection of birds the scenery is also fantastic, birding in the Marañón Valley is a special event anytime. We had a wide range of other interesting birds as well and some other group favourites included such diverse species as a lovely Paint-billed Crake, fantastic close Peruvian Terns, amazing Striped and Stygian Owls, the subtle Rusty-

tinged, Cajamarca and Ochre-fronted Antpittas, the regal Royal Sunangel, the exquisite Marañon Crescentchest, gorgeous Fiery-throated and Scarlet-breasted Fruiteaters. Our total list was 655 recorded species (621 seen) and this list was mostly without boreal migrants. Alarmingly 38 of these are globally threatened and further 26 near threatened! Although mammals are not a key feature on the really bird action-packed South America tours, we did put some efforts to look for the special endemic mammals along our route and we got Andean Night Monkey, Peruvian Yellow-tailed Woolly Monkey, San Martin Titi Monkey and Sechuran Fox to mention some of the best ones.



Cordillera Azul Antbird was a really unexpected discovery just a few year ago and we got to see it on the tour (Carlos Altamirano)!

The tour began at Chiclayo in the northwest of the country, where most of us arrived on the same flight from Lima. We soon meet Carlos our excellent local guide and his enthusiastic team. There was no time to lose and we headed straight out to the famous Bosque Rafan Reserve. One of the major target is the endangered Peruvian Plantcutter and sure enough we had multiplied excellent looks of this increasingly rare endemic! There were several other interesting birds around and we also found the localized endemic Rufous Flycatcher which was a bit skittish but finally a pair was nicely posing for us and got superb scope looks. After our first superb field breakfast we tracked down some other dry forest specialists such as Anthony's Nightjar, our first Pacific Pygmy Owl, smart Pacific Parrotlets, Tumbesian and Grey-and-white Tyrannulets, Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant, smart Superciliated Wrens, the localized Cinereous Finch as well as numerous Amazilia Hummingbirds and a few Peruvian Sheartails. Long-tailed Mockingbirds and Tropical Gnatcatchers were conspicuous and plentiful. After the morning activity ended we drove to check out some coastal habitats including dunes where we had no luck with Coastal Miners but the nearby wetlands were alive with common waterbirds and as many as 77 Peruvian Terns which gave stunning views. This smart bird is getting increasingly hard to find and such a big gathering is rare nowadays. Other notable waterbirds included Cinnamon Teal, Great Grebes, American Oystercatcher, Snowy Plover, South American Tern, Peruvian Booby and Peruvian Pelican. After a nice albeit late ceviche lunch in Monsefu we drove to Chaparri Reserve. The last hour of the day was spent along the access road to our lodge and luckily we found a flock of Suphur-throated Finches, two Tumbes Sparrows, a Short-tailed Woodstar and even a White-winged Guan perched on a treetop plus Anthony's Nightjar on the track just before we rolled into our lodge.



A pair of Peruvian Plantcutters (top) and Peruvian Terns near Chciclayo (János Oláh).

We were out well before dawn for a little owling session. The dry forest was quiet but our patience paid off and we got excellent looks of Striped Owl and a juvenile West Peruvian Screech Owl eventually showed well too. A productive night session was followed by breakfast and we were soon heading for the nearby forest at Casupe, and even before we had arrived at our starting point, we had found a noisy flock of Red-masked Parakeets! It was spectacular scenery and a very productive birding along a lightly-used gravel road. We managed to add a number of Tumbesian specialities to our list, like Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner, localized Grey-and-gold and Three-banded Warblers obliged and interesting flycatchers included Pacific Elaenia, Rufous-winged Tyrannulet, Tumbes Pewee and the often tricky Grey-breasted Flycatcher. We heard a few distant Ochre-bellied Doves too but when we got the opportunity with a close calling bird we tried our luck on the very steep slopes and after a fair bit of searching and manoeuvring, we found our target – the rare and skulking Ochre-bellied Dove! It showed pretty well on a tree before dropping to the ground and disappearing. Further searching in this excellent area yielded a pair of white-eyed Ecuadorian Trogons, Grey-chinned Hermits and Amazilia Hummingbirds, Ecuadorian Piculet, lovely Plumbeous-backed Thrushes, a sneaky Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner, a female Chapman's Antshrikes, our first Speckle-breasted Wren, White-winged Brushfinch, White-edged Oriole and Tooth-billed Tanager.



Striped Owl (left), pacificus West Peruvian Screech-Owl (right) and Elegant Crescentchest at the Chaparri Reserve (János Oláh).

The afternoon was spent watching birds around the Chaparri lodge. Here, charismatic White-tailed Jays, endemic Tumbes Sparrows, Long-tailed Mockingbirds and a gang of Croaking Ground Doves attended for the food that was on offer. Parrot-billed Seedeater came down to drink and from the kitchen stunning Tumbes Tyrants and smart Collared Antshrikes showed well. Our walk around the garden in the late afternoon was also productive though it took some work to nail the subtle Tumbes Hummingbird! We also

got some great views of the now well established White-winged Guans and on our hummingbird quest we had excellent looks of Scarlet-backed Woodpecker, Streak-headed Woodcreeper, several smart Elegant Crscentchests, more Collared Antshrikes and a selection of flycatchers such as Southern Beardless and Grey-and-white Tyrannulets, Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant and *crypterythrus* Bran-coloured Flycatcher. On the very last minute we finally found a Tumbes Hummingbird after checking many Amazilia Hummingbirds and Short-tailed Woodstarts. At dusk more Sechuran Fox were seen lurking around the lodge and we found roosting Baird's and Sooty-crowned Flycatchers. Our visit to Chaparri was rewarding and such a great base to see the special birds of the region!



Tumbes Hummingbird (left), Scarlet-backed Woodpecker (right) and Peruvian Thick-knee at the Chaparri Reserve (János Oláh).

We left the reserve early next morning though we did get a last look of Sulphur-throated Finches, Parrot-billed and Drab Seedeaters, more Cinereous Finch and Collared Warbling Finch along the access road. Pausing at a reservoir en route we found Comb Ducks, Cinnamon Teals, White-cheeked Pintails, Pied-billed and Great Grebes and in the nearby vegetation tracked down a flock of Peruvian Thick-knees and roosting Lesser Nighthawk as well as more Tumbes Hummingbirds and Peruvian Sheartails. Also the only but obligatory Western Osprey was seen. We had an uneventful journey to Bosque de Pomac which took some time. However when we arrived we quickly found some Tumbes Swallows as well as a fantastic pair of Coastal Miners and a variety of other dry forest species. Continuing on we eventually made our way to the remote Quebrada Frejolillo, our destination for the afternoon. This starkly attractive canyon is perhaps the

best stake out for White-winged Guans, and although we'd already listed them, we were more than happy to see some properly wild birds! This was the site where they were rediscovered and we had great scope looks of several birds! Walking the scenic canyon we encountered a number of other species such as Lineated and Scarlet-backed Woodpeckers, Plumbeous-backed Thrushes and smart Baird's Flycatchers. It was a long travel day but with some great sightings!



Lesser Nighthawk (left), Coastal Miner (right) and White-winged Guan at the original rediscovery site (János Oláh).

The following morning we made our way straight up to the top of Abra Porculla Pass into the cool thin air. As is often the case at high altitudes, the birds were a little slow to get going plus we had a strong wind however when a sheltered sunlit area was found the goodies started to show! Purple-collared Woodstars and Peruvian Sheartails were buzzing around the flowering bushes and the remaining patches of vegetation included noisy Line-cheeked Spinetails, a fine male Chapman's Antshrike, a fairly showy Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Tumbes Tyrannulet, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, White-winged and Bay-crowned Brush Finches, Rufous-chested Tanager, Rusty Flowerpiercer, chunky Black-cowled Saltators and even a Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant flew over us. It took some time before we found our main prize, the quiet and localized Piura Chat-Tyrant and even then, it remained fairly elusive. After a hearty field breakfast we made our way to Jaen.



Peruvian Sheartail (left), male Chapman's Antshrike (right) and Piura Chat-Tyrant at Abra Porculla Pass (János Oláh).

After a break and lunch, we made our way to a small reserve on the outskirts of town for a late afternoon birding in the dry habitat of the Marañon Valley. It was a very productive birding and we got excellent looks of our main target, the gorgeous Marañon Crescentchest! Our search for the scarce Little Inca Finch was not successful but we found some other goodies like a showy Tataupa Tinamou, a flock of Lesser Nighthawks at dusk, fly-by Marañon Pigeon, Spot-throated Hummingbird, Chinchipe Spinetails, the local 'Shumba' form of Collared Antshrike (soon to be split as Marañon Antshrike), Northern Slaty Antshrike, Small-billed Elaenia, Tumbesian Tyrannulets, Brown-crested Flycatcher our first Marañon (Tropical) Gnatcatchers, Dull-colored Grassquites and Red Pileated Finch.

We were up early the following morning in search of more Marañon specialities. Still in the hotel garden there were a few large 'fruit' bats feasting on the ripe mangos. They most probably were Flat-faced Fruit-eating Bats. After a short ride we had a brief pre-dawn session which gave us good looks of the *roboratus* form of West Peruvian Screech Owl (a potential split as Marañon Screech Owl). Yet another superb field breakfast was deserved and as soon as the sun was rising more goodies appeared including Marañon Spinetail, Sooty-crowned Flycatcher and three species of becards like White-winged, Black-and-white and stunning male Yellow-cheeked Becard as well as Marañon (Speckle-breasted) Wrens. We still had an important target at a different site, so we drove back to Jaen, packed up and left for a dry scrubby area not far from town. Previous afternoon we had no sign of Little Inca Finch and this was our second trial in the increasing heat of the day. We wandered around the spot for a fair amount of time looking at Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant, many Marañon (Tropical) Gnatcatchers, Long-tailed Mockingbirds and Chestnut-throated and Drab Seedeaters. Eventually in the very last minute a Little Inca Finch was found and we all got to see it as well! Success!



Marañon Crescentchest (top), West Peruvian (Maranon) Screech Owl (left) and Little Inca Finch near Jaen (János Oláh).

After the Inca Finch area we had a longish drive to Leymebamba though we made a couple of roadside stops along where Fasciated Tiger Heron, Marañon Thrush, Torrent Tyrannulet and White-winged Swallow was found. In the early evening before we rolled into Leymebamba we tried a wooded area for the endemic Koepcke's Screech Owl, but we only heard a distant bird. A pair of roosting Andean Guans were found and a late dinner was waiting.

We spent much of the following morning exploring higher areas above Leymebamba. It was a cold morning indeed and activity started very slow. There were Grey-breasted Toucans calling on both side of the valley and eventually we got excellent looks of this amazing bird. Huge Andean Condors, stunning Crimson-mantled Woodpecker and smart Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrants and White-collared Jay also showed well. Top hummingbirds included Sword-billed Hummingbird, Rainbow Starfrontlet and Purple-throated Sunangel. Roadside flocks held gorgeous Montane Woodcreeper, Cinnamon Flycatcher, White-banded and White-tailed Tyrannulets, Russet-crowned and Citrine Warblers, Brown-capped Vireo, Mountain Wren, Yellow-breasted Brush Finch, Spectacled Whitestart, Capped Conebill, Masked Flowerpiercer, Blue-capped, Silver-backed, Blue-and-black and Beryl-spangled Tanagers. It was classic Andean birding, but it was time to move on!



Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan (top), Spectacled Whitestart (left) and Sword-billed Hummingbird near Leymebamba (János Oláh).

So we ascended to even higher altitudes to the Abra Barro Negro Pass. It was a sunny day, so activity was low and the birds were hiding in the high altitude forest patches and shrubbery. Hummingbirds kept us entertained and amongst the many Shining Sunbeams and Tyrian Metaltails we finally found a nice Coppery Metaltail. We also had pair of White-chinned Thistletails, Many-striped Canastero, Andean Flicker, Moustached Flowerpiercer and Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager. After our field lunch we continued

descending on the winding thin road to the Balsas Canyon all the way to the Marañón River. It is certainly a spectacular drive though it is better to sleep for those who does not like hights! It is about 2500 meter elevation drop from the Abra Barro Negro Pass to the Marañón River. By late afternoon we arrived to the lush bottom of the valley where mango orchards are located with dry and barren hillsides above the greenery. Here we were very lucky to quickly find the critically endangered Yellow-faced Parrotlet, allowing superb looks as they were feeding on the seedpods of the local trees! We could not have asked for a better timing!



The 2500 meter elevation drop to the Balsas canyon and the Marañón River and Yellow-faced Parrotlet (János Oláh).

This dry habitat was also home to a few other targets and we had a really productive last hour as we managed to get superb looks of Black-necked Woodpecker, the endemic Chestnut-backed Thornbird and Buff-bridled Inca Finch. Actually we tracked down Grey-winged Inca Finch as well though the light was already fading.



Endemic galore in the Marañon: Chestnut-backed Thornbird (left), Buff-bridled Inca Finch (right) and Grey-bellied Comet (János Oláh).

We left Celendin early morning next day and as we were driving higher we noticed heavy frost on the ground. This time our first destination were remnant patches of vegetation around in the Saturno area. It was only isolated bushes and patches of streamside vegetation that remain in this otherwise agricultural landscape. Amazingly however, the birds we were after still live in this area, and after some work, we managed some good looks at the rare Cajamarca Antpitta. In the same forest patches we also found endemic Black Metaltail as well as Baron's Spinetails, attractive Black-crested and Tufted Tit-Tyrants, Baron's (Yellow-breasted) Brushfinches, Cinereous Conebill and Black-throated Flowerpiercer. Working more of the agricultural landscape we were searching for larger Tyrant Flycatchers, and after quite a bit of searching we saw White-tailed Shrike-Tyrants while Mountain Caracaras were constantly in the air and we even had a group of Andean Lapwings. By lunchtime we arrived to the Rio Chonta canyon. We were hoping to find the often tricky-to-see and extremely localised Grey-bellied Comet. As we scanned the canyonside

vegetation we soon found Giant Hummingbird and Band-tailed Seedeaters. However we were extremely lucky this year as within 15 minutes of arrival we were watching a fantastic Grey-bellied Comet through the scope. After a few minutes this rare hummer flew straight towards us and landed in the closest bush to check us out! Wow it was amazing and it even allowed some photography time too before flying off. All happy we birded for another hour while lunch was prepared and got to see Black Metaltail, White-winged Cinclodes, Golden-billed Saltator and Blue-and-yellow Tanager. In the afternoon we tried a location where Rufous-backed Inca Finch was seen on a previous tour but we never secured a proper look of this endemic. Finished the day at a small lagoon where Andean Ducks, Andean Coots and Andean Gulls were seen.

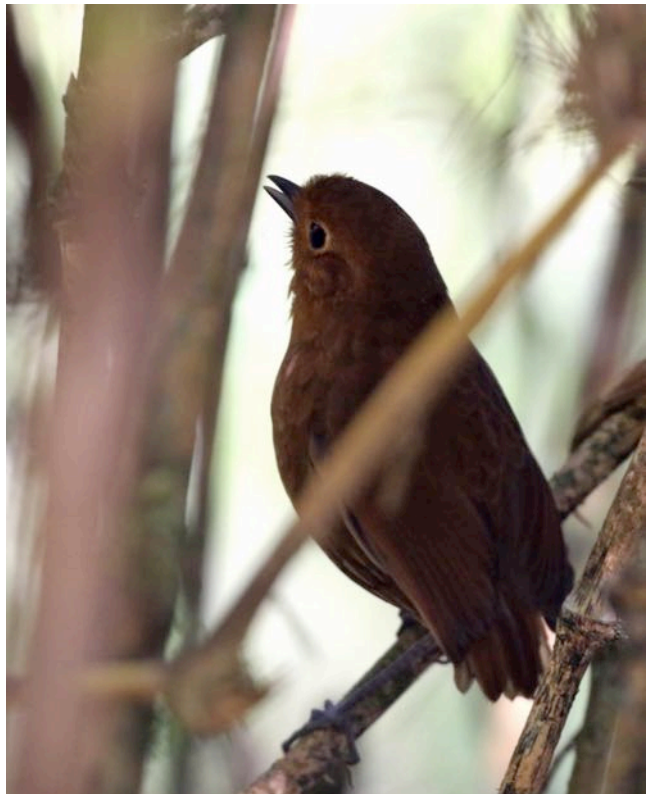
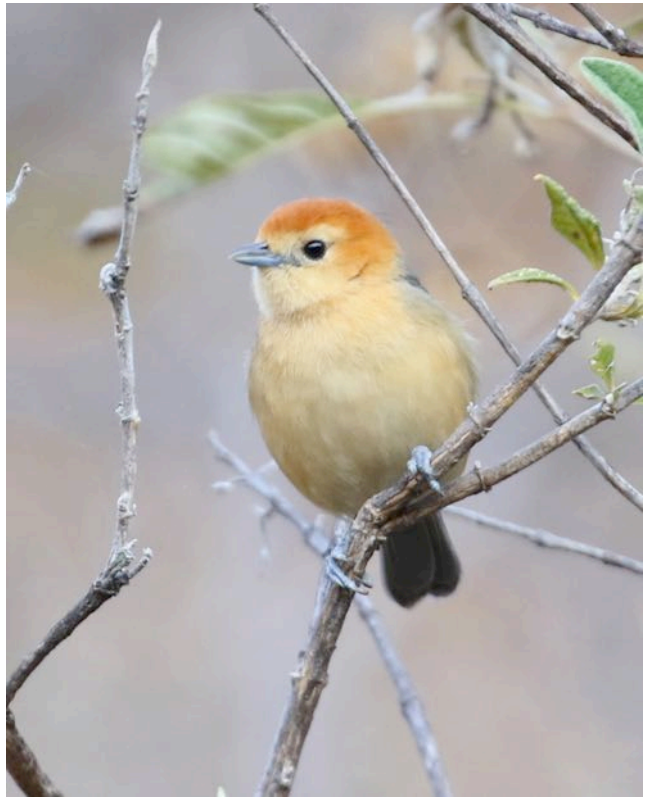


Spot-throated Hummingbird near San Marcos (János Oláh).

The following morning we headed towards San Marcos, where after hard work, we finally got some good views of the rare and impressive Great Spinetail in the bromeliad clad shrubbery. It is another rare endemic which was rediscovered after many years and there are only a few sites to look for it. We also had Purple-collared Woodstar, numerous Spot-throated Hummingbirds, Peruvian Meadowlarks, Black-lored (Marañón) Yellowthroat and Dull-colored Grassquit. After a fine breakfast, we headed back towards Cajamarca, stopping along the road to look for some missing high altitude species. A roadside lagoon gave us Peruvian Sierra Finches and a flock of Grassland Yellow Finch. Later a small pool produced Yellow-billed Teals and Puna Ibises while two Cream-winged Cinclodes were hopping around. Our next stop was a site for Jelski's Chat-Tyrant which we did see but we had to work really hard for it! Probably the time of the day but it was hiding in the canopy of thick trees. We did pick up Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetails and Green-tailed Trainbearer while battling with the chat-tyrant. Getting closer to Celendin we finally found Striated Earthcreeper, Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant, several Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrants and about 14 Rufous-naped Ground Tyrants feeding on the ground at a high pass. We were back to the Cajamarca Antpitta area for the last hour of the day and it was a good move as we came across a surprise pair of smart Plain-tailed Warbling Finches.

After another early start from Celendin we made our way back to the Balsas area. We had a great breakfast spot with some excellent birding around! This time we had cracking looks of the endemic Grey-winged Inca Finch and Chestnut-backed Thornbird. We also managed to find the range restricted Buff-bellied Tanager and a few tumbesian flycatchers such as Tumbesian Tyrannulet, Tumbes Pewee and the local race of Bran-colored Flycatcher. Hummingbirds included Purple-collared Woodstar, Spot-throated Hummingbird and Andean Emeralds. We slowly descended back to Balsas and crossed over the Marañón River for the last time. A quick roadside mango purchasing stop and another brief sighting of Yellow-faced Parrotlets near the river and we were already climbing back on the winding roads to the Abra Barro Negro area to look for some more endemics! As we got into the right elevation we started birding and after some careful positioning we

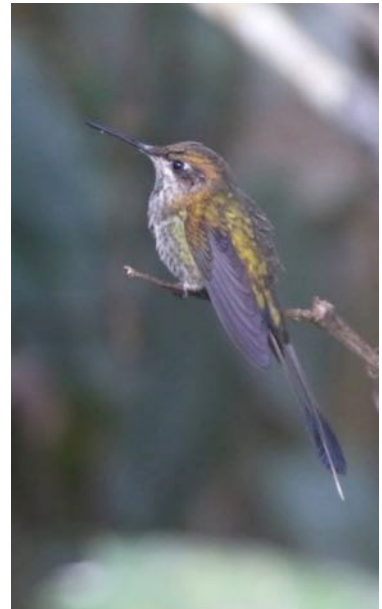
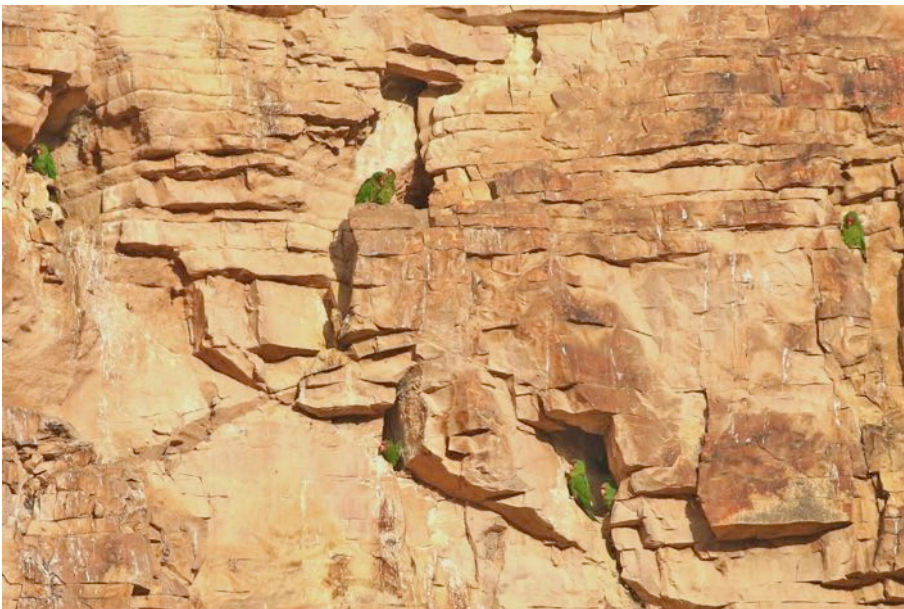
managed to see the recently split endemic Chachapoya's (Gave's) Antpitta, the colourful endemic Russet-mantled Softtail and also the skulking freshly recognised Utcubamba Tapaculo (split from 'Blackish').



Grey-winged Inca Finch (top left), Buff-bellied Tanager (top right), Marañon Gnatcatcher (left) and Chachapoya's Antpitta (János Oláh).

We also found a flock of seven Red-crested Cotingas while the mixed bird party held Sierran Elaenia, White-banded Tyrannulet, Spectacled Whitestart, Moustached and Black-throated Flowerpiercers and Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager. Hummingbirds included yet another Coppery Metaltail plus Mountain Velvetbreast

and Sapphire-vented (Coppery-naped) Pufflegs were new to our list. We crossed the pass in the late afternoon and downslope to Leymebamba was very quiet. Quiet it is but we still managed to find a lovely Rufous-breasted (Leymebamba) Antpitta! We tried again for Koepcke's Screech Owl but yet again it remained heard-only, an Andean White-eared Opossum was seen by some though.



Our hotel in Leymebamba, Marañon (Black-capped) Sparrow (top right), Mitred Parakeets at a breeding cliff (left) and immature male Marvelous Spatuletail at Huembo Lodge (János Oláh).

We had a last trial for Koepcke's Screech Owl on our last morning before dawn, and finally this time we managed to see one of the calling birds! It made us work really hard until the very last minute, they were very skittish this year indeed. Albeit this is the driest time to visit Northern Peru a lot of species just finished breeding so they are not so easy to see. Anyway, we got to see this endemic owl so we had breakfast, packed up and made our way back through the amazing Utcubamba Valley. Our first stop was by the breeding cliffs of the Mitred Parakeets where we could watch the daily life of these amazing and social psittacids. Our next stop was along small side road where we eventually found the hoped-for Marañon (Black-capped) Sparrow! We paused for a nice lunch near Pomacochas and made a short visit to the reed fringed lake afterwards. We were happy to find very obliging Puna Snipes and Plumbeous Rails, while Andean Lapwings and Torrent Tyrannulet showed too. We drove to the nearby Huembo Lodge and we spent the rest of the afternoon by the hummingbird feeders. We managed to see Marvelous Spatuletail a few times though the immature males and females were much more obliging than the adult males with fully grown tails – they were more like missiles flying around not really allowing good looks! We had a few other new hummer species to the list as well such as Lesser Violetear, Bronzy Inca, Chestnut-breasted Coronet and Violet-fronted Brilliant!



White-throated Screech Owl (top) and Rufous-capped Thornbill (János Oláh) and the majestic Pale-billed Antpitta (right) along the San Lorenzo trail (Carlos Altamirano).

The following day was our chance for the rare and spectacular Pale-billed Antpitta. There were no good news coming from the local birders as none were seen on the last three visits. Nevertheless we were prepared for the potentially tough hike to the habitat of this much sought-after species! We started with superb looks of White-throated Screech Owl even before first light, and indeed the uphill slog was difficult, but we were more concerned about coming down on the rocky steps built by the incas. Not all of us made it to the right elevation but those who did finally managed to see this amazing bird. Not for the first attempt though! Nervous minutes and careful positioning was required when we finally located the antpittas, but eventually close and good views were obtained of this 'giant beauty', and the bird even crossed the trail at one point! So it was a very happy group, especially after the intimidating news we heard about the last few attempts by other birders. However the lower pair seems to be gone, so definitely more hike is needed to an even higher patch of habitat now. We slowly and carefully descended on the trail and some more good birds

were seen like Aplomado Falcon, Grey-breasted Mountain Toucans, Violet-throated Starfrontlets, Rufous-capped Thornbill, Black-capped Tyrannulet, Rufous Spinetails, Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant, colourful Grass Green Tanagers, Blue-backed Conebills and Superciliaried Hemispingus to name a few. We had no luck with the distantly singing Grey-browed (to be split from Plain-tailed) Wrens but it's a Central Peru bird anyway!



Violet-throated Starfrontlet (left) and Bronzy Inca (János Oláh).

We were back to Huembo around noon and spent a few more hours at the feeders, hoping to see a fine male Marvelous Spatuletail. We managed to see several females and a few immature males but there was no sign of any full-tailed male. A few other birds were seen while waiting like Mountain Elaenia and Variable Antshrike. However we had to quit in mid afternoon and travel towards our next destination: Abra Patricia Reserve on the east slope – home to the enigmatic Long-whiskered Owlet! We arrived to the brilliant Ecoan Owlet Lodge just before dusk and had a quick look of the hummingbird feeders which is surrounded by some wonderful montane forest. After a rather action-packed and tough day we decided to retreat early and prepare for the next full day in this fantastic area!

Our next day was LWO day and we left the lodge still in dark and visited a nearby private reserve where they used to feed some rare antpittas. Due to covid the feeding was suspended and they only recently restarted it, but we gave it a go anyway! Our first excellent bird of the day was a pair of the rare Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant in an area of more stunted forest. Later we entered proper mossy cloud forest and tried for the diminutive Ochre-fronted Antpitta. We spent a fair bit of time, but the bird did not come to the feeding station however we did get everybody on the bird once we decided to go 'old style' and tracked down the singing bird. We were luckier with the next target – albeit our guide said our chances are even smaller – and had superb looks of the really shy Rusty-tinged Antpitta as it came in to feed on worms. Inca Flycatcher was singing above us and on our way out, back in the stunted forest we saw a pair of the localized Bar-winged Wood Wrens as well. It was a really good morning with three major targets seen. The scarce Royal Sunangel (there are not too many blue hummers) however has not been seen around the feeders in this reserve so we moved to another set of feeders. We spent some time around the Verbena bushes but there was no sign of the Royal Sunangel. We got to see Green-fronted Lancebill, Peruvian Rocket-tail, a stunning male Wire-crested Thorntail and many Violet-fronted Brilliants. The surrounding bushes also held Olive-chested Flycatcher and Azara's Spinetail. There was not much we could do, we had to go 'old style' again and on the way back to the lodge we started to scan small ridges with stunted vegetation, the habitat this lovely hummer inhabits. After a few stops a single bird was spotted by Carlos but nobody else got to see it.

We were waiting, and waiting but it never came back to those flowers...frustrating! We returned to the lodge for a quick lunch and also looked at the hummingmer feeders that gave us Fawn-breasted Brilliants, Collared Incas, stunning Emerald-bellied Pufflegs, Long-tailed Sylphs, Speckled Hummingbirds and numerous White-bellied Woodstars.



Rusty-tinged Antpitta (top left), Ochre-fronted Antpitta (top right), Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant (left) and Bar-winged Wood Wrens in the Abra Patricia Reserve (János Oláh).

After lunch we started to descend on the owl trail, slowly birding our way to some known territories of this rare and enigmatic owl. Our plan was to arrive by dusk and look for this top specialty! Afternoon activity was slow but we had a good bird in every hour such as Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher, Olive Tufted Flycatcher, Andean Solitaire, Gree-and-black Fruiteater and a party of White-capped Tanagers. Probably the best sighting however was a troop of four critically endangered Peruvian Yellow-tailed Woolly Monkey, an endemic mammal species which is nowhere else easily available. We positioned ourselves in a gully at dusk and waited. Soon we heard a calling Long-whiskered Owllet but it was rather distant. Cut the story short we did not manage to see the owl. We spent a few hours trying, and perhaps heard three different individual but they refused to show. Our hike back to the lodge was long and slow in the dark. We saw Andean Night Monkeys which was another excellent mammal to see. We were tired by the time we got to our beds.



Emerald-bellied Puffleg (left), Royal Sunangel (right) and Swallow-tailed Nightjar in the Abra Patricia Reserve (János Oláh).

Before first light the next day some of us seen a Swallow-winged Nightjar by the dining room. After breakfast we were looking for Yellow-scarfed Tanager around the lodge which was found fairly quickly so we continued on our quest for the Royal Sunangel. We started where it was seen by Carlos the previous day but no sunangels were seen. A fly by Orange-breasted Falcon and a flock of seven fly by Barred Parakeets were the highlights at this spot. The next suitable habitat yielded no sunangles. Our third stop was finally productive with two birds seen chasing each other but unfortunately not everybody got on the birds. A fine Black-throated Toucanet showed well and our search continued! Finally when it started to rain we found a nice Royal Sunangel and this time it stayed long enough for everybody to have proper looks of this gorgeous blue hummingbird! It was success finally, and we got almost now all the major targets we were after. We climbed back up to the owlet lodge and did a nice loop trail until lunch where we did get some goodies like Speckle-chested Piculet, Olive-backed Woodcreeper, Variable Antshrikes, Rufous-vented Tapaculo, Mottled-cheeked Tyrannulet, Inca Flycatcher, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Chestnut-breasted Wren and White-eared Solitaire. It was a fantastic little session in a magnificent montane forest which was followed by a nice lunch in the lodge. In the afternoon we drove to a nearby location where we wanted to try again for the star bird of the area, the Long-whiskered Owlet. Now it was clear to us that this tiny owl is far from straightforward or guaranteed but we had some plans! However we were not prepared for the sight we experienced upon arriving to our next destination! The roadside bits of the forest patch where Long-whiskered Owlet leaves was freshly cut, the trees were still lying around. It was shocking, and it was already getting dusk! We had to

climb across endless freshly cut trees and try to locate the trail which used to be there. These were nervous minutes but eventually we all made it, and an hour later we were sitting and waiting in the dark inside a mossy forest with mixed bamboo understorey. Finally we heard Long-whiskered Owlet calling and this time we were successful, and all enjoyed wonderful views of this little stunner peering down at us from its moss-laden branch! It was a happy group and a major success! Adrenalin was still flowing so we did more nightbirding and went on to get some wonderful views of a Cinnamon Screech Owl as well! What a fantastic evening!



Long-whiskered Owlet, the star bird of Northern Peru (János Oláh).

We headed straight for the Arena Blanca Reserve early the following morning, where some new feeders gave us the chance to see a few new species that may otherwise prove tricky! It was a somewhat strange hide we were positioned after arrival but in the next hour Little Tinamous and a party of Rufous-breasted Wood Quails did show brilliantly! Meanwhile, at the nearby hummingbird feeders, we found Reddish Hermit, several territorial Many-spotted Hummingbirds, some gorgeous Blue-fronted Lancebills, several chunky Grey-breasted Sabrewings, Golden-tailed Sapphires, Sapphire-spangled Emeralds, impressive Wire-crested Thorntails and diddy Little Woodstars. Nearby we also found Peruvian Warbling Antbird, Peruvian Tyrannulet, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, our first flock of dazzling Paradise Tanagers and the endemic Huallaga Tanager. Following this great morning we climbed back to the foothills and were searching for mixed flock in the hope of some special lower foothill species! We were lucky once again as soon located the desired flock and managed to find Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet, Variegated Bristle Tyrant, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Slaty Antwren, the scarce Equatorial Greytail, the vulnerable Ash-browed Spinetail, handsome Scaled Fruiteaters, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, the strange-looking Grey-mantled Wren as well as gaudy Yellow-throated and Vermilion Tanagers! We also teased out a few skulkers like Lineated Foliage-gleaner and Streak-headed Antbird. At lunch nearby we encountered some showy Lemon-browed Flycatchers and a fine selection of tanagers like Orange-eared, Saffron-crowned, Flame-faced, Spotted, Blue-necked and Paradise Tanagers. We then embarked upon the longish drive to Moyobamba. We made a short stop at an area of paddyfields. Here we found more good and localized species including the uncommon Pale-eyed Blackbird, Dark-billed Cuckoos, Black-billed Seedfinch, some fabulous Masked Ducks, Spot-breasted Woodpecker, a

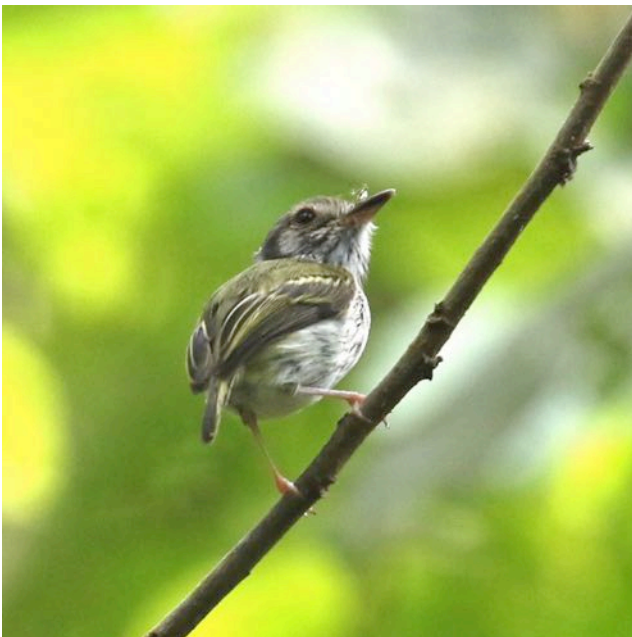
skittish Spotted Rail, Orange-backed Troupial and Red-capped Cardinal. Later we even saw Rusty-backed Antwren, Point-tailed Palmcreeper and Sulphury Flycatcher, plus just as we rolled into the garden of Waqanki Lodge a smart male Rufous-crested Coquette showed in front of the cabins. Fantastic! It was an amazingly birdy day!



Vermilion Tanager (top left), Rufous-breasted Wood Quail (top right), Pale-eyed Blackbird (left) and male Rufous-crested Coquette (János Oláh).

Waqanki Lodge was our focus for the Moyobamba area. It has come on to the birding scene in recent years, and offers access to a number of tricky species, notably the stunning and recently described Painted Manakin, the less colorful Varzea Thrush and the subtle Mishana Tyrannulet. It also has an amazing hummingbird garden with Rufous-crested Coquettes, a truly great birding location indeed! We had a couple of mornings picking up as many of these as we could! We started the first morning with a fly-by flock of Spot-winged Parrotlets, while the localized and recently described Varzea Thrush was rather skittish. Probably the toughest bird of all was the the Painted Manakin which took a really concerted effort before everyone had seen it well. Other good species here included Golden-collard Toucanet, Red-stained Woodpecker, Fiery-throated Flycatcher, Fiery-capped Manakin, Mishana Tyrannulet, both White-bellied and Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrants, the handsome Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher, White-throated Spadebill, Olivaceous Flatbill,

Chestnut-throated Spinetail, Foothill and Ornate Stipplethroats, Red-crowned Ant Tanager and Yellow-crested Tanager. Other birds seen here were Green-backed and Blue-crowned Trogons, Lafresnaye's Piculet, Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, Euler's Flycatcher, Ochre-bellied Flycatchers, White-flanked Antwren, a gorgeous Spot-backed and Spot-winged Antbirds, Coraya Wren and a Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift on the nest.



Painted Manakin (top left), Mishana Tyrannulet (top right), White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant (left) and Black-throated Hermit (János Oláh).

Hummingbirds were also a focus, and between the verbena hedges and the hummingbird feeders we found another set of goodies including the rare Black-throated Hermit and the gorgeous Rufous-crested Coquette as well as the more localized Great-billed Hermit, Blue-tailed Emerald, Grey-breasted Sabrewing, Black-throated and White-chinned Sapphires. On one afternoon we made a visit to the Morro de Calzada Reserve. We arrived after a heavy shower and there were pools on the gravel road. The first bird we saw was a bathing pair of Red-shouldered Tanager! We also tracked down singing Stripe-necked Tody-Flycatcher, Yellow Tyrannulet and Pale-breasted Thrush. It was soon dusk and our quest for nightbirds started! First we tracked down a calling Rufous Nightjar which gave excellent looks, and this was followed by a Tropical Screech Owl. When it got properly dark we walked the track and soon heard distant Band-bellied Owls

singing. They were far and we had no response at all. Finally we also heard the calls of Stygian Owl which was our main target here. It took some time to locate them but finally a pair flew in and circled right above us displaying. What a fantastic experience! Such a superb owl and seeing it like this was certainly a tour highlight.



White-chinned Sapphire (top left), Great-billed Hermit (top right), Olibirds (left) and Rufous Nightjar (János Oláh).

All too soon it was time to move again, and as we headed south towards Tarapoto. We made a few stops, the first was right by the outskirts of Moyobamba as we had a flat tyre. Barred Antshrike was seen next to the petrol station by some. The most productive stop saw us watching some remarkable Oilbirds right by the road! Surely the easiest Oilbirds place in the world. Due to the flat tyre we arrived rather late to the dry forests of Quebrada Upaquihoa. It was still a productive birding session which started with great views of Blue-winged (Riparian) Parrotlets. Walking through a trail in the dry forest produced Northern (Huallaga) Antshrike, Stripe-chested Wrens and Rufous Casiornis while Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird and Amazonian Royal Flycatcher remained heard only. We also heard a singing Pheasant Cuckoo and with a bit of cautious coaxing we all managed to get looks of this skulking species. It was a good surprise and an unexpected bonus even though it has been seen at this location before. We felt though that some more birding time would have been good!

Early next morning we packed our 4x4 cars and soon started our last main leg of the tour, the very exciting visit to Plataforma or Flor de café. Not long ago one needed to make a rather demanding and difficult week long expedition in order to see the spectacular Scarlet-banded Barbet but in the last few years this 'new site' emerged and more and more birders visited the area in the Cordillera Azul. On the top of this, a fantastic new species of antbird, the Cordillera Azul Antbird was found and described from this location as recently as 2017! We even had another non-bird related great surprise this year, the dreaded dirt road to Plataforma was fixed and access is easy nowadays. Still in 2018 Pete wrote in his report "we switched to special high-

clearance jeeps, a necessity to get us along the terrible road to Plataforma". Things change, and things change fast! Once a road goes into a forest area however the area is in danger of deforestation. Plataforma is not different and the roadside forest is going fast, so more walking and hiking is needed in search of the best birds. Go there sooner than later!



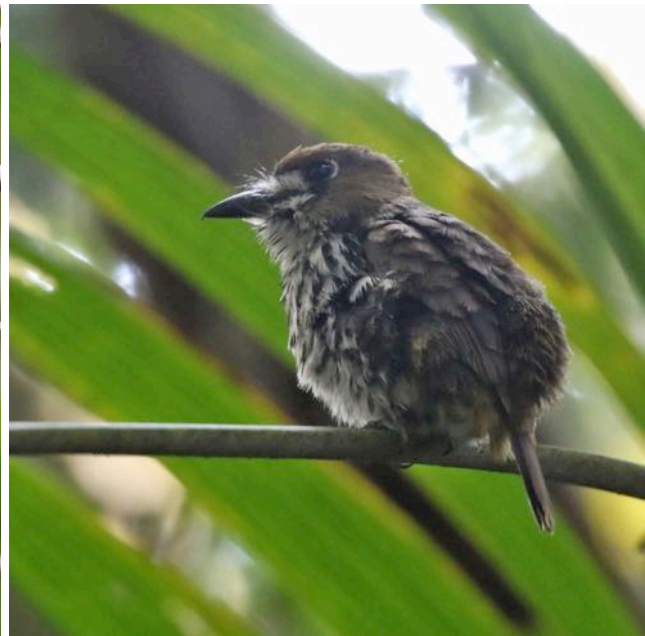
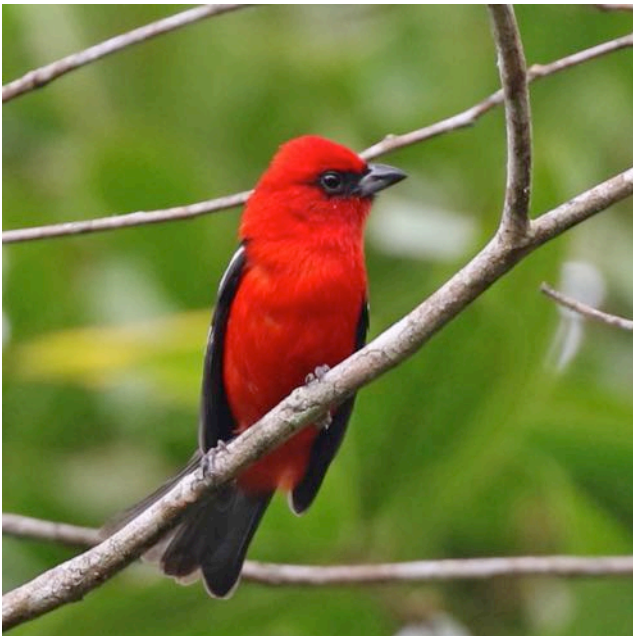
Paint-billed Crake eventually gave us superb looks on the way to Plataforma (János Oláh).

As usual we made a few stops along the way and these proved to be productive. The first stop was at a small cocha where bizarre Hoatzins jumped clumsily through the riverside bushes while our next stop at some ricefields gave us stunning looks of Paint-billed Crake. Along the ride we had Speckled Chachalacas, Grey-cowled Wood Rail (for the first car), Hook-billed and Plumbeous Kites. Higher up, we paused on some foothill forest where we had Western Striolated Puffbird and Yellow-billed Nunbird. Further on we found a Ferruginous Pygmy Owl which attracted a big mob of birds and this was really excellent with goodies like Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant and Bronze-green Euphonia. As we had no problem with the road we arrived at the village and in time for lunch. However we stayed again in a different accommodation as the hotel with bird paintings on the wall - which was constructed for the visiting birders - is not usable due to a recent earthquake. Our hotel was even more basic but our cook who was always with us on the tour did a great job! Weather was good, so after lunch we wasted no time and hit the 'barbet trail' which was climbing from the village to the nearby hill. Once we hit the forest, we also got some cloud cover and soon we found an unexpected surprise Jet Manakin feeding on some fruiting trees. Almost the first bird for us in Plataforma, a very good omen indeed! The trail was muddy further on but we kept going looking for fruiting trees. A Chestnut-tipped Toucanet was a found and tanagers were going around in flocks. So we did find the fruiting trees and a single tree held Blue-winged Mountain Tanager, Orange-eared, Golden-naped, Blue-necked, Blue-browed, Bay-headed, Golden-eared, Green-and-gold, Golden and Paradise Tanagers. Not a bad selection! As we were watching the tanagers a Scarlet-banded Barbet was herad and we were soon admiring this absolutely mega looking bird. We could watch it for several minutes, we really got brilliant looks!



The road to Plataforma shows how the forest is going (top). Male Jet Manakin (left) and Scarlet-banded Barbet (János Oláh).

The group was really happy after the barbet sighting and we continued a little more along the trail. More goodies were found as a singing Foothill Schiffornis finally showed to everybody and also several Blue-rumped (Milky-rumped) Manakins were spotted feeding on tiny berries. A heavy shower interrupted the last hour of birding and made walking on the trail even more difficult, so we slowly made our way back towards the village. Before we left the forest we decided to wait until dusk and see if there is any owl activity around. It was a great move as we first saw a Common Potoo and then located a mammal high up on the tress which made a huge jump from the treetop across the trail-gap to the other side. Initially identified as an Olingo but later in the checklist we put it down as Kinkajou (errnoneously) but the tail clearly shows some bandings on the photos, so it was indeed an Eastern Lowland Olingo! This was followed by great sightings of Band-bellied Owls as well as an endearing Foothill (Napó) Screech Owl. An action-packed long day with a superb selection of birds. One of those days you will remember forever!



Foothill Screech Owl (t left), Band-bellied Owl (t right), White-winged Tanager and Lanceolated Monklet at Plataforma (János Oláh).

On the first morning we began by searching for Strong-billed Woodcreeper (some call it Plataforma Woddcreeper but it sounds like 'only' the foothill form of SbW) close to the lodge before making our way on a mule track and eventually on a side trail into some private property with a decent patch of forest. Here, our main target was the recently discovered Cordillera Azul Antbird at one of very few accessible territories. Somehow the territories getting further and further from the village. After a rather tense wait which was interrupted by a showy Lanceloated Monklet, the distinctive song was heard, and after a bit of patience a fabulous male antbird was seen walking on the ground in anthrush-like fashion. Stunning! The same area yielded a number of other interesting species like Lafresnaye's Piculet, Grey-throated Leaf-tosser, Ash-browed Spinetail, Lined Antshrike, Yellow-breasted Antwren, Blackish Antbird, Yungas Manakin, Grey-mantled Wren as well as Straw-backed and White-winged Tanagers. We even had a second encounter with a fabulous pair of Scarlet-banded Barbets again. After this action-packed morning we had a leisure birding along the access road where we were checking large number of Swifts, roadside hummingbirds included Black-throated Hermit and Violet-fronted Brilliant, Short-tailed Hawk, Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, several Gilded and Versicoloured Barbets, Bat Falcon, Chivi Vireo and Blue-naped Chlorophonias.



The localised Yellow-breasted Antwren (left), the rare Grey-tailed Piha (right) and Curl-crested Aracari (János Oláh).

Next morning we left Plataforma with great memories and headed back towards Bellavista! We still had a few birds in mind so stopped at the first suitable patch of forest. We had luck on our side again and while we were watching a fantastic pair of Scarlet-breasted Fruiteaters as they were silently feeding on a small bush two Grey-tailed Pihás started calling nearby and finally showed really well. A third bird appeared on the scene and they were chasing each other and fighting for their place in the lekking area. They were not really bothered about our presence, so we could watch them displaying. It is not often you can get such an amazing experience with a rare cotinga like this! Then we continued driving down the hill when we heard the critically endangered San Martin Titi Monkeys calling. We stopped and tried to locate them, but regardless how patient we were only a bit of moving vegetation was all we could see. We had some great birds though and got great looks of singing Red-throated Caracaras, very smart Curl-crested Aracarís, some wintering Crowned Slaty and Variegated Flycatchers, Slate-colored Grosebeak, Yellow-bellied and Opal-crowned Tanagers, Olive Oropendola and other bits and bobs. We arrived back to Bellavista by lunch and on our way back to Tarapoto we made another stop at Quebrada Upaquihua where we had some unfinished business. This time we were glad to pick up some of those birds we were after like Planalto Hermit, Sapphire-spangled Emerald, Black-tailed Trogon, Black-fronted Nunbird, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Northern Rufous-winged Antwren, Northern Slaty (Huallaga) Antshrike, Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin and Black-tailed Myobius. We had a great selection of birds and a really enjoyable afternoon. Just as we were packing up and ready to leave, a troop of San Martin Titi Monkeys were spotted and we got superb looks of these rare mammals. This was indeed in the very last minute and

well deserved after how much we searched for them earlier in the day. We then drove back to Tarapoto to our comfortable hotel.



Fantastic Gould's Jewelfront (left) and the localised Koepcke's Hermit near Tarapoto (János Oláh).

The Tarapoto area gives access to a number of foothill Amazonian birds that are really peripheral to this tour, and we had a morning to find some of the goodies. Our main target was the localised Dotted Tanager which is regularly seen in the Cordillera Escalera. We started our roadside birding at dawn with Black-faced and Peruvian Warbling Antbird singing side by side. We also got a party of noisy Olive Tanagers. We were after canopy tanagers and checking many Paradise Tanagers when a Yellow-bellied Tanager made a bit of excitement. We also found Koepcke's Hermit in the forest and also tracked down Bright-rumped Attila. Our final field breakfast gave us more energy and soon after we did find a singing Dotted Tanager. It did not come close but we had excellent scope looks of this really good bird while some Saddle-backed tamarins were also spotted nearby. We finished the morning in the Aconobikh Reserve where we had another Koepcke's Hermit as well as the localized and stunning Gould's Jewelfronts, a Blue-fronted Lancebill and even an Amethyst Woodstar showed up just before we left. Our tour has come to an end now, so we drove back to Tarapoto and had a fine lunch in a pleasant hotel where we were talking about our amazing and bird-filled last three weeks in this fascinatingly diverse country!



Stygian Owl gave us superb experience this year, a pair was displaying right above us near Moyobamba (János Oláh).

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' birds for some other reason (e.g. it is only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; it is difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted-range and may in future be treated as a full species).

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by the symbol (H).

Species which were not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

Species which were only recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (LO).

Conservation threat categories and information are taken from *Threatened Birds of the World*, BirdLife International's magnificent book on the sad status of the rarest 10% of the world's avifauna, and updates on the BirdLife website: <http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/home>

(EW) = Extinct in the wild, **(CR)** = Critically Endangered, **(EN)** = Endangered, **(VU)** = Vulnerable, **(NT)** = Near Threatened, **(DD)** = Data Deficient.

For polytypic species, the subspecies seen on the tour, where known, is placed in parentheses at the end of the species comment. Generally, species listed with trinomials are not currently split by the IOC.

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). **2021. IOC World Bird List (v 10.2)**. This list is updated twice annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>. Please note, this was the current version when the report checklist was created. Some alternative names are given in parentheses.

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BIRDS

Grey Tinamou *Tinamus tao* (H) One was heard on our last morning at the Cordillera Escalera near Tarapoto. **VU**

Hooded Tinamou ◊ *Nothocercus nigrocapillus* (H) A few heard above Leymebamba.

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui* Several seen very well at the feeders at the Arena Blanca Reserve.

Tataupa Tinamou *Crypturellus tataupa* One was seen well near Jaen, others heard [*inops*].

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata* A female was seen from our bus in the Utcubamba Valley [*leucogenis*].

Comb Duck *Sarkidiornis sylvicola* A group of 55 were seen at Tinajones Reservoir.

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera* Seen on the coast and again at Tinajones Reservoir [*orinoma*].

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis* Only four were seen at Tinajones Reservoir [*rubrirostris*].

Yellow-billed Teal *Anas flavirostris* A flock seen well on a roadside pool near Cajamarca [*oxyptera*].

Masked Duck *Nomonyx dominicus* Great views of 12 near Moyobamba.



Masked Duck (top), Sickie-winged Guan (left) and Tataupa Tinamou (János Oláh).

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* Just two were seen near Cajamarca [*nominata*].

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* Seen a few times, first at the Arena Blanca Reserve [*nominata*].

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii* Two were seen roosting while looking for owls near Leymebamba.

White-winged Guan *Penelope albipennis* A few seen at Chaparri, and good looks of 3 at Quebrada Frejolillo. **EN**

Sickle-winged Guan *Chamaepetes goudotii* Just a singleton was seen at Huembo Lodge [*tschudii*].

Rufous-breasted Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus speciosus* Great views of 7 at the Arena Blanca Reserve. **NT**

Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis* Great views in the Canyon on the drive to Tarapoto. Great birds!

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* Just one was seen at Plataforma.

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis* Roosting birds seen at Tinajones Reservoir, others seen at dusk [*exilis*].

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* Just three were seen, and a few others heard [*nominata*].

Anthony's Nightjar ◊ *Nyctidromus anthonyi* Several great looks in the Chaparri area.

Swallow-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis segmentata* One was seen at the Owlet Lodge at Abra Patricia.

Lyre-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis lyra* (H) Several heard calling along the owlet trail in Abra Patricia at dusk.

Rufous Nightjar *Antrostomus rufus* Stunning views of one at Morro de Calzada.

Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila* Only seen well once near Leymebamba [*brunnitorques*].
White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* Most impressive was the flock at Plataforma [*subtropicalis*].
Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* Just a few were seen at Plataforma [*sclateri*].
Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* A few were seen around Moyobamba [*nominata*].
White-tipped Swift *Aeronautes montivagus* Several excellent looks, first at Porculla Pass [*nominata*].
Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* Plenty seen in the Moyobamba/Bellavista areas [*semota*].
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis* One on the nest at Waqanki was the only one.
White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* It was common at Waqanki and Aconobikh [*nominata*].
Black-throated Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis atrimentalis* Excellent views at Waqanki and one at Plataforma [*riojae*].
Grey-chinned Hermit *Phaethornis griseogularis* Good views at Casupe [*porcullae*].
Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber* One at Arena Blanca and one below Plataforma [*nigrincinctus*].
Planalto Hermit *Phaethornis pretrei* At least two were seen at Quebrada Upaquihua.
Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* Just a single bird was seen below Plataforma [*apicalis*].
Koepcke's Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis koepckeae* Great views in the forest and feeders at the Aconobikh Reserve. **NT**
Great-billed Hermit *Phaethornis malaris* A couple at the feeders at Waqanki Lodge [*bolivianus-group*].
Green-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera ludovicae* Two were seen along the road below Abra Patricia [*nominata*].
Blue-fronted Lancebill ◊ *Doryfera johannae* Seen well at the feeders at Arena Blanca and Aconobikh [*nominata*].



Blue-fronted Lancebill near Tarapoto (János Oláh).

Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae* A single bird was seen at the Waqanki feeders.
Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus* First seen well at the feeders at Huembo Lodge [*crissalis*].
Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Pretty common and widespread [*nominata*].
Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Just one at the feeders at Waqanki Lodge.
Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis* Only seen well along the San Lorenzo Ridge [*decolor*].
Purple-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus viola* We had three above Leymebamba.
Royal Sunangel ◊ *Heliangelus regalis* Eventually three birds were seen well near Abra Patricia [*nominata*]. **EN**
Wire-crested Thorntail *Discosura popelairii* Singles males below Abra Patricia and Arena Blanca. **NT**
Rufous-crested Coquette ◊ *Lophornis delattrei* Excellent views at Waqanki Lodge [*nominata*].
Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* First seen at Leymebamba, common in Abra Patricia [*nominata*].



Male Long-tailed Sylph (left) from Abra Patricia and Rufous-capped Thornbill along the San Lorenzo ridge (János Oláh).

Long-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocercus kingii* Best views were around the lodge at Abra Patricia [*smaragdinus*].

Grey-bellied Comet ◇ *Taphrolesia griseiventris* Super looks of a fine male along the Rio Chonta. **EN**

Green-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna* Just a female seen near Cajamarca [*pallidiventris*].

Rufous-capped Thornbill ◇ *Chalcostigma ruficeps* Excellent look of a male along the San Lorenzo Ridge.

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* Common. West of Marañon [*septentrionalis*], elsewhere [*smaragdnicollis*].

Coppery Metaltail ◇ *Metallura theresiae* Great views around Abra Barro Negro [*nominate*].

Black Metaltail ◇ *Metallura phoebe* Just two sightings in the Cajamarca area.

Sapphire-vented Puffleg ◇ *Eriocnemis luciani* Great views around Abra Barro Negro [*sapphiropygia*].

Emerald-bellied Puffleg *Eriocnemis aline* Seen around the lodge at Abra Patricia [*dybowskii*].

Marvelous Spatuletail ◇ *Loddigesia mirabilis* Several great looks at Huembo albeit full-tailed male only briefly. **EN**

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* Great views of several between Celendin and Cajamarca [*nominate*].

Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena* Small numbers in several areas, the first at Huembo [*obscura*].

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata* Superb bird, seen especially well at Abra Patricia [*margaretae*].

Violet-throated Starfrontlet ◇ (Huanuco S) *Coeligena [violifer] dichroua* A few on the San Lorenzo Ridge.

Rainbow Starfrontlet *Coeligena iris* Seen above Leymebamba [*fulgidiceps*].

Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* Great views around Abra Barro Negro [*rectirostris*].

Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera* First seen above Leymebamba, several around the Owllet Lodge.

Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneaua matthewsii* Common and dominant at several feeders, first at Huembo.

Peruvian Racket-tail ◇ *Ocreatus peruanus* A few, including amazing views on the feeders at Abra Patricia.

Gould's Jewelfront ◇ *Heliodoxa aurescens* Great views of several at the feeders at the Aconobikh Reserve.

Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides* A few, the first around the lodge at Abra Patricia [*cervinigularis*].

Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* Common at several feeders, the first at Huembo [*otero*].

Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas* One seen well in the Chonta Valley [*peruviana*].

Long-billed Starthroat *Helimaster longirostris* Seen well at the feeders at Arena Blanca and Waqanki [*nominate*].

Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina* A female was seen at the feeders at the Aconobikh Reserve.

Purple-collared Woodstar *Myrtis fanny* Several in the in the northwest. Best at Abra Porculla [*nominate*].

Short-tailed Woodstar ◇ *Myrmia micrura* Several in the scrub at Chaparri, mostly females.

Peruvian Sheartail ◇ *Thaumastura cora* Great looks including full-tailed males, at Rafan, Tinajones and Porculla.

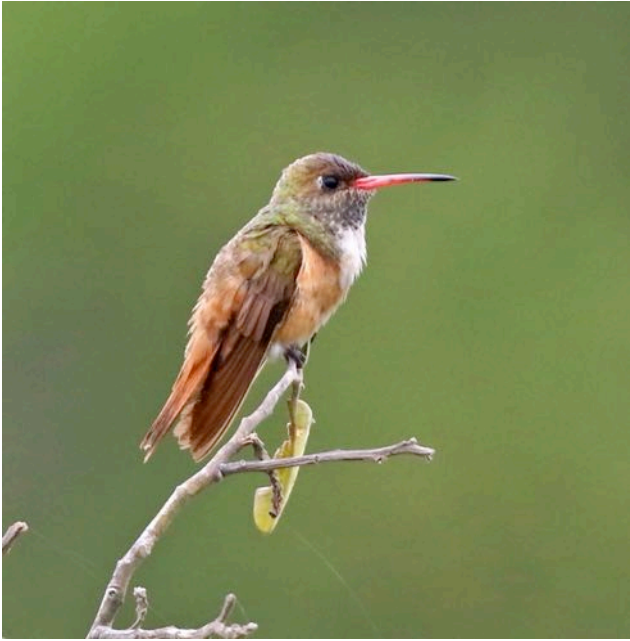
White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant* Common in the Abra Patricia area.

Little Woodstar ◇ *Chaetocercus bombus* A couple of females seen, first at Abra Porculla. **VU**

Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* Seen at Waqanki and another at Quebrada Upaquihua [*napensis*].

Violet-headed Hummingbird *Klais guimeti* A singleton was seen below Plataforma [*pallidiventris*].

Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis* Common at Waqanki [*aequatorialis*].



Amazilia Hummingbird (left) from Rafan and Grey-breasted Sabrewing from Waqanki (János Oláh).

- Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata* Small numbers seen at most lower elevation sites in the east [*jelskii*].
- Tumbes Hummingbird** ◇ *Leucippus baeri* One seen well at Chaparri and another Tinajones.
- Spot-throated Hummingbird** ◇ *Leucippus taczanowskii* First seen in the Marañon Canyon.
- Many-spotted Hummingbird** ◇ *Taphrospilus hypostictus* Best views were at the feeders at Arena Blanca.
- Amazilia Hummingbird** *Amazilia amazilia* Common and widespread in the west [*nominata*].
- Andean Emerald** *Amazilia franciae* First seen at Hacienda Limon, common at Huembo [*cyanocollis*].
- Golden-tailed Sapphire** *Chrysuronia oenone* Common at feeders in the southeast section of the tour [*josephinae*].
- Sapphire-spangled Emerald** *Amazilia lactea* Several, the first at the feeders at Aguas Verdes [*bartletti*].
- White-bellied Hummingbird** *Amazilia chionogaster* Best views were at the feeders at Huembo [*nominata*].
- White-chinned Sapphire** *Hylocharis cyanus* two were seen at Waqanki Lodge [*rostrata*].
- Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* Common and widespread in the humid lowlands of the east.
- Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris* Common and widespread in the dry lowlands of the west.
- Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia* (LO) Just one seen by Janos on the drive to Plataforma.
- Pheasant Cuckoo** *Dromococcyx phasianellus* A singing bird was seen at Quebrada Upaquiua.
- Little Cuckoo** *Coccyzua minuta* One was seen at the ricefields near Moyobamba [*nominata*].
- Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* Small numbers seen at a few sites [*nominata*].
- Dark-billed Cuckoo** *Coccyzus melacoryphus* Two birds were seen at the ricefields near Moyobamba.
- Rock Dove (Feral)** *Columba livia 'feral'* Introduced vermin.
- Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa* First seen at Arena Blanca, but best looks we had at Palatforma.
- Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata* Seen at Abra Porculla and common in the Abra Patricia area [*albilinea*].
- Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis* Seen in the lowland areas in the east.
- Marañon Pigeon** ◇ *Patagioenas oenops* Just a few flight views in the Marañon Canyon. **VU**
- Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea* Heard at a number of sites, and seen well at Plataforma [*pallascens*].
- Ruddy Pigeon** *Patagioenas subvinacea* Heard regularly, one seen below Abra Patricia [*ogilviegranti*]. **VU**
- Plain-breasted Ground Dove** *Columbina minuta* One seen at the ricefields towards Plataforma [*nominata*].
- Ecuadorian Ground Dove** ◇ *Columbina buckleyi* Two birds were seen by some near Jaen [*dorsti*].
- Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* Common in the lowlands, especially in the southeast lowlands [*nominata*].
- Croaking Ground Dove** *Columbina cruziana* Common in the dry country.
- Blue Ground Dove** *Claravis pretiosa* A few seen along the Tamborapa Road.
- Bare-faced Ground Dove** *Metriopelia ceciliae* (NL) One seen in the Chonta Valley near to Cajamarca.
- White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* Fairly common and widespread. First seen at Casupe [*decolor*].
- Grey-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla* One seen along the Waqanki trails [*dubusi*].
- Ochre-bellied Dove** ◇ *Leptotila ochraceiventris* One was seen at Casupe. Tricky birds to get! **VU**
- Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* Fairly common and widespread [*hypoleuca*].

West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida meloda* Common in the west.

Paint-billed Crane ◊ *Neocrex erythrops* Great looks in the paddyfields near Bellavista [*olivascens*].

Spotted Rail *Pardirallus maculatus* One seen in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba [*nominata*].

Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* Three were seen at the lagoon near Pomacochas [*simonsi*].

Grey-cowled Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* Seen on the road during the drive (first car) to Plataforma [*nominata*].

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* Very common at several wetlands [*pauilla*].

Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca* A few seen near Cajamarca [*nominata*].

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica* Several seen well in the Moyobamba/Bellavista areas.

Russet-crowned Crane *Laterallus viridis* (H) Only heard at Tamborapa [*nominata*].

Rufous-sided Crane *Laterallus melanophaius* (LO) One seen in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba [*oenops*].

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* Three seen in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba [*nominata*].

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* Two were seen at Tinajones Reservoir [*antarcticus*].

Great Grebe *Podiceps major* Good views on the coast and at Tinajones Reservoir [*nominata*].

Peruvian Thick-knee *Burhinus superciliaris* Amazing views at Tinajones Reservoir.

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* Common along the coast [*nominata*].

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* Common in many wetlands [*nominata*].

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Seen around Moyobamba and Bellavista [*cayennensis*].

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens* Just a handful seen near Cajamarca.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* A few seen along the coast [*cynosurae*].

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus* Two were seen on the coast [*peruvianus*].

Snowy Plover *Charadrius nivosus* Five were seen along the coast [*occidentalis*]. **NT**

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Plenty in the Moyobamba/Bellavista areas [*peruviana*].

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* A singleton was seen along the coast [*morinella*].

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* A singleton was seen along the coast.

Puna Snipe *Gallinago andina* Three were seen at Laguna Pomacochas [*rubida*].



Fasciated Tiger Heron (left) along the Utcubamba Valley and Puna Snipe at Pomacochas (János Oláh).

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* One seen in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* At least two on the paddyfields near to Bellavista.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* Good numbers on the paddyfields near to Bellavista.

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* Just seen twice in the Cajamarca area.

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* Common along the coast and at Tinajones Reservoir.

Belcher's Gull *Larus belcheri* A singleton was identified along the coast.

Kelp Gull (Kelp) *Larus dominicanus dominicanus* Very common along the coast.

Peruvian Tern ◊ *Sternula lorata* An amazing 77 were counted on our first day near Santa Rosa. **EN**

South American Tern *Sterna hirundinacea* Four were seen on the coast.

Peruvian Booby ◇ *Sula variegata* A single one was seen in a lagoon near Santa Rosa.

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Common and widespread [*nominate*].

Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi* Small numbers were noted on the tour.

Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum* One was seen consuming a Irage fish near Moyobamba.

Fasciated Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma fasciatum* Two sightings in the Utcubamba Valley [*salmon*].

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* Seen at the Tinajones Reservoir and near Bellavista [*hoactli*].

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* A few were seen along the tour [*nominate*].

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Common and widespread.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* Several noted at various wetlands.

Great Egret (American G E) *Ardea [alba] egretta* Common at many wetlands.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* Small numbers at many wetlands. Common in the Moyobamba/Bellavista areas.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula thula* Common at many wetlands, up to 200 near Santa Rosa [*nominate*].

Peruvian Pelican *Pelecanus thagus* About 22 were seen along the coast at Santa Rosa. **NT**

Hoatzin *Opisthocomus hoazin* Excellent views at the small cocha near to Bellavista.

Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus* Two were seen above Leymebamba. **VU**

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Common and widespread.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Common and widespread.

Western Osprey (American O) *Pandion [haliaetus] carolinensis* One was seen at Tinajones Reservoir.

Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii* One was seen by some at Rafan [*magnus*].

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus* About four were seen on our drive to Plataforma [*nominate*].

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Several good views, especially in the Plataforma area.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* First seen at Morro de Calzada, a few more later.

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Just two seen in the paddyfields near to Moyabamba [*nominate*].

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* At least 5 on the western lowlands.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Common and widespread [*occiduus*].

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus* Daily sightings in the Chaparri area [*harris*].

Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma* Several sightings throughout [*nominate*].

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* A singleton was seen in the Balsas Canyon [*australis*].

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* Light phase adults at Abra Patricia and dark morph at Plataforma [*nominate*].



Dark morph Short-tailed Hawk (left) at Plataforma and Pacific Pygmy Owl at Rafan (János Oláh).

Long-whiskered Owlet ◇ *Xenoglaux loweryi* Eventually excellent views of one near Abra Patricia. A true mega! **EN**

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* Seen around Chaparri [*nanodes*] and not sure which race near Moyobamba.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* A few heard, and a couple seen well at Plataforma [*ucayalae*].

Pacific Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium peruanum* A few seen, the first at Rafan on the first morning.

Striped Owl ◇ *Pseudoscops clamator* Stunning views at Chaparri. Mega birds [*nominate*]!

Stygian Owl *Asio stygius* Absolutely amazing looks of two displaying birds at Morro de Calzada [*nominate*].

White-throated Screech Owl *Megascops albogularis* Brilliant views on the San Lorenzo Ridge [*remotus*].

Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* One seen at Morro de Calzada and another at Waqanki [*cruciger*].
Koepcke's Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops koepckeae* Hard work, good views of one near to Leymebamba [*nominate*].
Cinnamon Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops petersoni* Excellent spotlight views of one.
Foothill Screech Owl ◊ (Napo S O) *Megascops [roraimae] napensis* Brilliant views of a grey bird at Plataforma.
West Peruvian Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops [roboratus] pacificus* Great views of one at Chaparri.
West Peruvian Screech Owl ◊ (Marañon S O) *Megascops [roboratus] roboratus* Excellent views of near to Jaen.
Band-bellied Owl ◊ *Pulsatrix melanota* Great spotlight views of a pair at Plataforma [*nominate*].
Rufous-banded Owl *Strix albitarsis* (H) Heard at Abra Patricia but we had even bigger fish to fry [*opaca*].
Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps* (LO) Two were seen above Leymebamba [*nominate*].
Ecuadorian Trogon ◊ *Trogon mesurus* Great views of a pair at Casupe.
Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus* A female was seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*nominate*].
Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* A male was seen at Waqanki Lodge.
Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui* A pair at Waqanki Lodge and one at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*peruvianus*].
Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* A male was seen at Plataforma [*nominate*].
Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus* A few seen well at Abra Patricia [*personatus*].



Cinnamon Screech Owl (left) at Abra Patricia and Burrowing Owl at Chaparri (János Oláh).

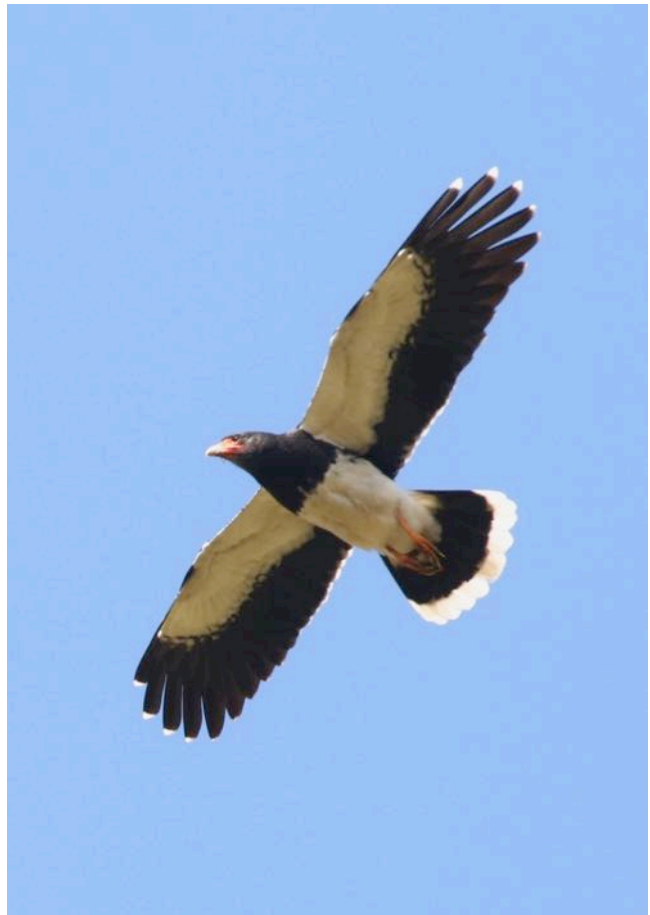
Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* One was seen near Bellavista.
Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata torquata* Just one was seen near Olmos [*nominate*].
Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii* (NL) Several heard and one seen at Plataforma [*nominate*].
Broad-billed Motmot *Electron playrhyinchum* One was seen well at Waqanki [*pyrrholaemum*].
Bluish-fronted Jacamar *Galbula cyanescens* One was seen well below Plataforma
Western Striolated Puffbird ◊ *Nystalus obamai* A pair seen well on the drive to Plataforma.
Lanceolated Monklet ◊ *Micromonacha lanceolata* Fantastic looks of one at Plataforma.
Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons* Just two were seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*nominate*].
White-fronted Nunbird *Monasa morphoeus* It was seen at Plataforma and Cordillera Escalera [*peruana*].
Yellow-billed Nunbird *Monasa flavirostris* It was seen on the drive to and from Plataforma.

Scarlet-banded Barbet ◊ *Capito wallacei* Superb looks of a male and a pair in Plataforma! Bird of the trip! **VU**
Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus* First seen near Moyobamba and also below Plataforma [*punctatus*].
Versicolored Barbet ◊ (**Blue-cowled B**) *Eubucco [versicolor] steerii* Several great views at Plataforma.
Black-throated Toucanet ◊ *Aulacorhynchus atrogularis* Three were seen at Abra Patricia [*cyanolaemus*].



Black-throated Toucanet (top) and Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan in the Abra Patricia area (János Oláh).

Chestnut-tipped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus derbianus* Excellent looks at Plataforma.
Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* The default aracari. Seen near Moyobamba [*nominata*].
Curl-crested Aracari *Pteroglossus beauharnaisii* A singleton was seen well below Plataforma.
Golden-collared Toucanet *Selenidera reinwardtii* After hearing several, great looks at Waqanki Lodge [*nominata*].
Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan *Andigena hypoglauca* Brilliant views, first seen near Leymebamba [*lateralis*]. **NT**
Channel-billed Toucan (Yellow-ridged T) *Ramphastos [vitellinus] culminatus* (H) Heard only. **VU**
White-throated Toucan (Cuvier's T) *Ramphastos [tucanus] cuvieri* Heard only.
Lafresnaye's Piculet *Picumnus lafresnayi* Seen well at Waqanki and at Plataforma.



Lafresnaye's Piculet (left) at Plataforma and Mountain Caracara near Cajamarca (János Oláh).

- Ecuadorian Piculet** ◊ *Picumnus sclateri* Excellent views of one in Casupe and Porculla Pass [*porcullae*].
- Speckle-chested Piculet** ◊ *Picumnus steindachneri* Great views at Owllet Lodge and below Abra Patricia. **EN**
- Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus* A few seen below Plataforma.
- Little Woodpecker** *Veniliornis passerinus* Seen well a couple of times in open country near to Moyobamba [*agilis*].
- Scarlet-backed Woodpecker** *Veniliornis callonotus* Some great looks at Chaparri and near Jaen [*major*].
- Red-stained Woodpecker** *Veniliornis affinis* One seen well at Waqanki and another at Cordillera Escalera [*hilaris*].
- Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* Two were seen in a mixed flock at Abra Patricia [*nominate*].
- Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus* Our best views were at Chaparri and Casupe [*rubripileus*].
- Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** *Colaptes rivolii* Great looks above Leymebamba [*brevirostris*].
- Black-necked Woodpecker** ◊ *Colaptes atricollis* Great looks in the Marañon Canyon [*nominate*].
- Spot-breasted Woodpecker** *Colaptes punctigula* Excellent looks near Moyobamba [*guttatus*].
- Andean Flicker** *Colaptes rupicola* Several seen well from Leymebamba to Cajamarca [*cinereicapillus*].
- Lineated Woodpecker** ◊ (Dusky-winged W) *Dryocopus [lineatus] fuscipennis* One at Quebrada Frejolillo.
- Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campophilus melanoleucos* Seen at Tamborapa and Plataforma [*nominate*].
- Red-throated Caracara** *Ibycter americanus* Two showed well below Plataforma.
- Mountain Caracara** *Phalcoboenus megalopterus* Plenty seen well, especially between Celendin and Cajamarca.
- Crested Caracara** *Caracara plancus* A few seen, the first near to Chaparri [*cheriway*].
- Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* Several seen throughout the tour [*cordata*].
- Barred Forest Falcon** *Micrastur buckleyi* (H) One head distantly at Waqanki.
- American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* Several seen on journeys [*peruvianus*].
- Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* One seen briefly at the San Lorenzo Ridge [*pichincha*].
- Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis* One seen well below Plataforma [*nominate*].
- Orange-breasted Falcon** ◊ *Falco deiroleucus* One was seen in flight at Abra Patricia. **NT**
- Spot-winged Parrotlet** ◊ *Touit stictopterus* A flock of 18 were seen in flight at Waqanki. **VU**
- Barred Parakeet** *Bolborhynchus lineola* A flock of seven were seen in flight at Abra Patricia [*tigrinus*].
- Cobalt-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris cyanoptera* Common, including good views perched at Waqanki [*nominate*].

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus* One was seen in flight at Arena Blanca [*corallinus*].
White-capped Parrot *Pionus seniloides* (H) Only heard at Huembo.
Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Fairly common in the southeast [*nominata*].
Scaly-naped Amazon *Amazona mercenarius* (H) Only heard in the Abra Patricia area [*nominata*].
Riparian Parrotlet ◇ *Forpus crassirostris* Four were seen well at Quebrada Upaquihoa.



Riparian Parrotlets (left) and Point-tailed Palmcreeper near Moyobamba (János Oláh).

Pacific Parrotlet ◇ *Forpus coelestis* Plenty seen well, the first at Rafan.
Yellow-faced Parrotlet ◇ *Forpus xanthops* Superb looks of 8 near Balsas in the Marañon canyon. **VU**
Rose-fronted Parakeet ◇ *Pyrrhura roseifrons* (H) Heard only below Plataforma [*nominata*].
Cordilleran Parakeet *Psittacara frontatus* Large flocky were seen around Jaen [*nominata*]. **NT**
Mitred Parakeet *Psittacara mitratus* Great looks at the breeding cliffs in the Utcubamba Canyon [*chlorogenys*].
Red-masked Parakeet ◇ *Psittacara erythrogenys* Good looks in the Casupe area. **NT**
White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Regular sightings on the east, first at Arena Blanca.
Grey-throated Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus albigularis* One was seen at Plataforma [*zamorae*]. **NT**
Coastal Miner ◇ *Geositta peruviana* Great looks at Bosque de Pomac [*paytae*].
Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Just one seen below Plataforma [*neglecta*].
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* Two were seen at Waqanki [*castelnaudii*].
Strong-billed Woodcreeper ◇ *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* One seen at Plataforma. See note
Tschudi's Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus chunchotambo* One was seen below Plataforma [*nominata*].
Olive-backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* Seen in a mixed flock in the Abra Patricia area [*nominata*].
Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* One was seen at Quebrada Upaquihoa [*peruvianus*].
Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* A few seen at Chaparri [*nominata*].
Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Two sightings around Leymebamba [*warszewiczii*].
Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* Just one was seen at Plataforma [*obsoletus*].
Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* Several seen in the Plataforma area [*peruvianus*].
Point-tailed Palmcreeper *Berlepschia rikeri* Great views of one in palms near to Moyobamba.
Pacific Hornero ◇ *Furnarius cinnamomeus* Pretty common in the northwest; first seen around the lodge at Chaparri.
Striated Earthcreeper ◇ *Geocerthia serrana* Eventually, some great views near Cajamarca [*nominata*].
Cream-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albiventris* A couple seen well between Celendin and Cajamarca [*nominata*].
White-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes atacamensis* Excellent views in the Chonta Valles [*nominata*].
Lineated Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla subalaris* We saw a pair at Abra Patricia [*mentalis*].
Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner ◇ *Syndactyla ruficollis* A pair was seen at Casupe. Hard work! **VU**
Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner ◇ *Clibanornis erythrocephalus* Excellent looks of one at Casupe [*palambrae*]. **NT**
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus* (H) Heard at Quebrada Upaquihoa and Tarapoto [*turdinus*].
Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail ◇ (Streak-c T-S) *Leptasthenura [pileata] cajabambae* One seen near Cajamarca.
Rufous-fronted Thornbird (Marañon T) *Phacellodomus [rufifrons] peruvianus* Several seen, first near Jaen.
Chestnut-backed Thornbird ◇ *Phacellodomus dorsalis* Excellent looks in the Marañon Canyon. **NT**



Chestnut-backed Thornbird (top left), White-chinned Thistletail (top right), Chinchipe Spinetail (right) (János Oláh) and the critically endangered Marañon Spinetail (Carlos Altamiranot).

Many-striped Canastero *Asthenes flammulata* Several heard and one seen well at Abra Barro Negro [*taczanowskii*].
White-chinned Thistletail ◊ (Peruvian T) *Asthenes [fuliginosa] peruviana* Great views at Abra Barro Negro.
Equatorial Greytail ◊ *Xenerpestes singularis* Excellent views of three at Afluente below Abra Patricia. **NT**
Russet-mantled Softtail ◊ *Thripophaga berlepschi* Excellent views of a pair at Abra Barro Negro. **VU**
Ash-browed Spinetail *Cranioleuca curtata* Seen in mixed flocks at Abra Patricia and Plataforma [*cisandina*]. **VU**
Line-cheeked Spinetail *Cranioleuca antisimensis* Seen around Abra Porculla [*palamblae*] and Cajamarca [*baroni*].
Plain-crowned Spinetail *Synallaxis gujanensis* (H) It was heard Quebrada Upaquihua [*huallagae*].
Marañon Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis maranonica* Great views at Tamborapa. Such a rare bird nowadays! **CR**
Great Spinetail ◊ *Siptornopsis hypochondriaca* A pair was seen well near San Marcos. **VU**
Chinchipe Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis chinchipensis* Great views of several near to Jaen.
Necklaced Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis stictothorax* A few seen well in the northwest, the first at Chaparri [*maculata*].
Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albigularis* (H) Heard below Abra Patricia and near Plataforma [*nominata*].
Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* Many heard. Seen well especially in the Abra Patricia area [*infumata*].
Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa* Great views along the San Lorenzo ridge [*ochrogaster*].

Chestnut-throated Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis cherriei* Excellent looks at Waqanki, shy bird [*saturata*]. **NT**

Foothill Antwren *Epinecrophylla spodiota* A pair was seen in a mixed flock at Waqanki [*sororia*].

Ornate Antwren *Epinecrophylla ornata* A pair was seen in a mixed flock at Waqanki [*saturata*].

Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicauda* Excellent views at Quebrada Upaquihua [*pseudoaustralis*].

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Three were seen in mixed flocks at Waqanki [*heterozyga*].

Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor* A male was seen at Abra Patricia in a mixed flock [*interior*].

Rusty-backed Antwren ◊ *Formicivora rufa* A male was seen by some just outside Moyobamba [*urubambae*].

Yellow-breasted Antwren *Herpsilochmus axillaris* Excellent views in mixed flocks at Plataforma [*puncticeps*]. **VU**

Rusty-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus frater* Excellent looks of a male at Quebrada Upaquihua [*nominata*].

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis* A male was seen below Plataforma [*tambillanus*].

Collared Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus [bernardi] bernardi* Great views at Chaparri [*nominata*].

Collared Antshrike ◊ (Marañon A) *Thamnophilus [bernardi] shumbae* We had excellent looks near Jaen. **VU**

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* A male was seen by some at the flat tyre place in Moyobamba [*radiatus*].

Chapman's Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus zarumae* First seen at Casupe. Also seen well at Abra Porculla [*palamblae*].

Lined Antshrike *Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus* A pair seen well at Plataforma [*berlepschi*]. **VU**

Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor* (H) Heard a couple of times at Abra Patricia [*caudatus*].

Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus* (H) Remained heard only at Waqanki and Tarapoto [*capitalis*].

Northern Slaty Antshrike ◊ (Marañon S A) *Thamnophilus [punctatus] leucogaster* Great views near to Jaen.



Two potential splits: the Marañon Slaty Antshrike (left) and the Marañon (Shumbae) Antshrike were seen near Jaen (János Oláh).

Northern Slaty Antshrike ◊ (Huallaga A) *Thamnophilus [punctatus] huallagae* Seens at Quebrada Upaquihua.

Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens* Seen at Huembo and at Owllet Lodge [*melanchrous*].

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* (H) It was heard below Plataforma [*melanurus*].

Streak-headed Antbird *Drymophila striaticeps* Seen well at Abra Patricia, but as skulking as usual!

Peruvian Warbling Antbird *Hypocnemis peruviana* Seen at Arena Blanca, Waqanki and near Tarapoto [*saturata*].

Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird ◊ *Sciaphylax hemimelaena* Excellent views at Quebrada Upaquihua [*nominata*].

Blackish Antbird *Cercomacroides nigrescens* Eventually good looks at Plataforma [*aequatorialis*].

Cordillera Azul Antbird ◊ *Myrmoderus eowilsoni* A stunning male seen at Plataforma. Discovered in July 2016. **NT**

Spot-backed Antbird *Hylophylax naevius* Great views of a male at Waqanki [*peruvianus*].

Spot-winged Antbird *Myrmelastes leucostigma* Great views of a male at Waqanki [*subplumbeus*].

Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus* Seen at the Cordillera Escalera near to Tarapoto [*elegans*].

Western Fire-eye *Pyriglena leuconota* A pair seen at Alto Nieva [*castanoptera*].

Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis* (H) One was heard at the Cordillera Escalera [*nominata*].

Rufous-breasted Antthrush *Formicarius rufipectus* (H) Heard in the Plataforma area [*thoracicus*].

Short-tailed Antthrush *Chamaeza campanisona* (H) Heard in the Plataforma area [*olivacea*].

Scaled Antpitta *Grallaria guatemalensis* (H) Heard a few times at Plataforma, but never close by [*regulus*].

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla* Pretty good views at Abra Porculla [*albiloris*].

Pale-billed Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria carrikeri* We had to climb, but good looks of one at the San Lorenzo ridge.

Rusty-tinged Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria przewalskii* Brilliant views of one coming to worms at Abra Patricia. **VU**

Cajamarca Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria cajamarcae* We had to work hard but we got good looks near Cajamarca. See note

Chachapoya Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria gravesi* After some work we saw one below Abra Barra Negro. See note

Ochre-fronted Antpitta ◊ *Grallaricula ochraceifrons* Eventually good views for everybody at Alto Nieva. **EN**
 Rufous-breasted Antpitta ◊ *Grallaricula leymebambae* Good looks of a pair near Leymebamba!
 Ash-colored Tapaculo *Myornis senilis* (H) Head on our hike at San Lorenzo but we had bigger fish to fry.
 Northern White-crowned Tapaculo *Scytalopus atratus* (H) Remained heard only below Plataforma [*nominata*].
 Rufous-vented Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus femoralis* We eventually saw one well along the trails at Abra Patricia.
 Utcubamba Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus intermedius* Great views of one above Leymebamba.
 Marañon Crescentchest ◊ *Melanopareia Marañonica* A real stunner, seen superbly well near to Jaen. **NT**



White-tailed Tyrannulet (left) and the superb Marañon Crescentchest (János Oláh).

Elegant Crescentchest *Melanopareia elegans* Great views at Chaparri [*paucaensis*].
 Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps* One seen well below Plataforma.
 Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias plumbeiceps* Good looks at Abra Patricia and at Plataforma.
 Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* One was seen by some at San Lorenzo [*nominata*].
 Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* (H) Heard a few times.
 Pacific Elaenia ◊ *Myiopagis subplacens* Several seen very well at Casupe.
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* A few seen, the first near to Jaen [*semipagana*].
 Small-billed Elaenia *Elaenia parvirostris* Best views were at Waqanki].
 Lesser Elaenia *Elaenia chiriquensis* Three were seen below Plataforma [*albivertex*].
 Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura* One was seen at Huembo while looking at the feeders [*nominata*].
 Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae* Several seen, first at Abra Barro Negro [*intensa*].
 Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* Common in the northwest [*sclateri*].
 White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* (H) Surprisingly just heard at Abra Barro Negro.
 White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* Great looks above Leymebamba.
 Rufous-winged Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus calopterus* Brilliant views of one at Casupe.
 White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus* Great views of several above Leymebamba [*nominata*].
 Black-crested Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Anairetes nigrocristatus* Great views between Celendin and Cajamarca.
 Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus* Seen well at the roadside between Celendin and Cajamarca [*aequatorialis*].
 Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea* A few noted, the first along the Utcubamba [*nominata*].
 Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina* A singing bird was seen at Plataforma [*wagae*].
 Tumbesian Tyrannulet ◊ *Phaeomyias tumbezana* Several seen at Rafan [*inflava*] and at Abra Porculla [*maranonica*].
 Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola* A pair at Morro de Calzada were the only ones [*cerula*].
 Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* (H) Heard at Abra Patricia.
 Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant *Euscarthmus meloryphus* Fairly common. First seen well at Rafan [*fulviceps*].
 Grey-and-white Tyrannulet ◊ *Pseudelaenia leucospodia* Common. First seen well at Rafan.
 Mishana Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius villarejoi* Great views at Waqanki. **VU**

Peruvian Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius viridiflavus* First seen at Abra Patricia and fairly common thereafter.

Variiegated Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus poecilotis* A couple seen in mixed flocks below Abra Patricia.

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis* Excellent views of one at the Owllet Lodge [*angustirostris*].

Ecuadorian Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes gualaquizae* A couple seen in mixed flocks below Abra Patricia. **NT**

Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis* A few seen along the tour, first above Iyemebamba.

Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus fasciaticollis* Several seen, first below Abra Patricia [*fasciaticollis*].

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus* Seen well at Waqanki [*nominata*].

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* Several in mixed flocks, first below Abra Patricia [*nominata*].

Inca Flycatcher ◊ *Leptopogon taczanowskii* Two sightings in the Abra Patricia area. **NT**

Flavescent Flycatcher *Myiophobus flavicans* One was seen on the owllet trail at Abra Patricia [*nominata*].



Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher (left) and Black-throated Tody-Tyrant at Abra Patricia (János Oláh).

Olive-chested Flycatcher *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus* Great views below Abra Patricia.

Bran-colored Flycatcher ◊ (Mouse-grey F) *Myiophobus [fasciatus] crypterythrus* Seen well in the northwest.

Ornate Flycatcher *Myiobus ornatus* Two were seen below Abra Patricia [*phoenicurus*].

Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus striaticollis* Great views of one at Morro de Calzada [*nominata*].

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* We saw one at Quebrada Upaquiua [*rufipes*].

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus granadensis* Great looks at Abra Patricia [*pyrrhops*].

Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus cinnamomeipectus* Brilliant views of a pair at Alto Nieva. **VU**

Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus granadensis* Great looks below Plataforma. Tricky bird to see! **NT**

White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant ◊ *Myiornis albiventris* Several great looks at Waqanki Lodge.

Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant *Myiornis ecaudatus* A pair was seen at Waqanki Lodge [*nominata*].

Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* (H) Remained heard-only below Abra Patricia [*nominata*].

Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher ◊ *Poecilatriccus luluae* Excellent views of this smart endemic on the Owllet trail. **EN**

Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus capitalis* A pair was seen at Waqanki Very smart!.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* Several seen around Jaen [*sclateri*] and elsewhere [*peruanum*].

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* Good looks at Waqanki Lodge [*neglectum*].

Olivaceous Flatbill (Western O F) *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus* One seen at Waqanki Lodge [*aequinoctialis*].
Yellow-olive Flatbill *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* Just one seen at Cordillera Escalera [*peruvianus*].
Zimmer's Flatbill *Tolmomyias assimilis* (H) It was heard at Waqanki [*obscuriceps*].
Olive-faced Flatbill *Tolmomyias viridiceps* It was seen around Tamborapa [*viridiceps*].
White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus* Great views at Waqanki [*zamora*].
Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* Several seen, the first at Abra Barro Negro [*nominata*].
Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea* Seen well along the road at Abra Patricia [*sclateri*].
Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* Some responsive birds seen well at Waqanki Lodge [*bolivianus*].
Grey-breasted Flycatcher ◊ *Lathrotriccus griseipectus* Excellent views at Casupe. **VU**
Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* A few seen along various rivers [*angustirostris*].
Olive Tufted Flycatcher ◊ *Mitrephanes olivaceus* Superb views of one at Abra Patricia.
Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus* Several seen around Casupe [*zarumae*] and elsewhere [*ardosiacus*].
Tumbes Pewee *Contopus punensis* A few seen well at Casupe and in the Marañón Valley.
Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus* Commonly seen in the northwest and a few elsewhere. See note
Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola rufivertex* A few seen around Cajamarca [*occipitalis*].
Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montanus* Excellent views between Celendin and Cajamarca [*insolens*].
White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant ◊ *Agriornis albicauda* Hard work but finally found a pair near Cajamarca [*nominata*]. **VU**
Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis* Just one seen at Abra Porculla Pass [*nominata*].
Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant ◊ *Polioxolmis rufipennis* Great views between Celendin and Cajamarca [*nominata*].
Tumbes Tyrant ◊ *Tumbezia salvini* Excellent views at Chaparri. A real cracker. **NT**



Vermilion Flycatcher (left) and Tumbes Tyrant at Chaparri (János Oláh).

Jelski's Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Silvicultrix jelskii* One seen but required hard work near Cajamarca.
Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Ochthoeca thoracica* First seen above Leymebamba [*angustifasciata*].
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* Seen very well, first at San Lorenzo [*centralis*].
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* First seen near Cajamarca [*brunneifrons*].
Piura Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Ochthoeca piurae* Just one seen at Abra Porculla.
Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* Several at Waqanki and Plataforma [*niveiceps*].
Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* Seen at Arena Blanca [*nominata*].
Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* Several seen around Jaen [*grandis*] and elsewhere [*nominata*].
Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common towards the end of the trip [*nominata*].
Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti* Seen well at our lunch place below Abra Patricia [*nominata*]. **VU**
Baird's Flycatcher ◊ *Myiodynastes bairdii* Many sightings at Chaparri, Casupe and Quebrada Frejolillo.



Baird's Flycatcher (left) and Sooty-crowned Flycatcher roosting at Chaparri (János Oláh).

- Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* Just a handful seen, the first near to Abra Patricia [*nominata*].
- Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* A few seen at Waqanki [*nominata*].
- Sulphury Flycatcher** *Tyrannopsis sulphurea* One was seen well in Moriche Palms near to Moyobamba.
- Variegated Flycatcher** *Empidonomus varius* One was seen below Plataforma [*nominata*].
- Crowned Slaty Flycatcher** *Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus* Two were seen below Plataforma [*nominata*].
- Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common and widespread, especially in the southeast [*nominata*].
- Rufous Casiornis** *Casiornis rufus* One seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhua near Tarapoto.
- Rufous Flycatcher** *Myiarchus semirufus* Great views of a single and a pair at Rafan. **VU**
- Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* Only one seen in the Utcubamba Valley [*atriceps*].
- Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox* Just one seen below Plataforma [*nominata*].
- Pale-edged Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cephalotes* Excellent views of one near Abra Patricia [*nominata*].
- Sooty-crowned Flycatcher** ◊ *Myiarchus phaeocephalus* One seen at Chaparri and a pair at Tamborapa [*nominata*].
- Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* Only seen in the dry scrub near to Jaen [*nominata*].
- Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus* One seen on the Cordillera Escalera near Tarapoto [*nominata*].
- Scaled Fruiteater** ◊ *Ampelioides tschudii* A fantastic pair was seen below Abra Patricia.
- Fiery-throated Fruiteater** ◊ *Pipreola chlorolepidota* A fantastic pair was seen at Waqanki.
- Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater** ◊ *Pipreola frontalis* A pair was seen at Plataforma [*squamipectus?*].
- Green-and-black Fruiteater** *Pipreola riefferii* A few seen at Abra Patricia [*chachapoyas*].
- Grey-tailed Piha** ◊ *Snowornis subalaris* Brilliant views of three displaying at Plataforma. **NT**
- Andean Cock-of-the-rock** *Rupicola peruvianus* A female was seen well along the road below Abra Patricia.



Male Scaled Fruiteater (top left), Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater (top right) and a party of Red-crested Cotingas (János Oláh).

- Peruvian Plantcutter** ◇ *Phytotoma raimondii* Excellent views of a couple of pairs at Rafan. **VU**
- Red-crested Cotinga** *Ampelion rubrocristatus* Good views of a flock of 7 below Abra Barro Negro.
- Red-ruffed Fruitcrow** *Pyroderus scutatus* One seen at Arena Blanca and one below Abra Patricia [masoni].
- Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin** ◇ *Neopelma sulphureiventer* One was seen by some at Quebrada Upaquihua.
- Jet Manakin** ◇ *Chloropipo unicolor* A pair was seen at Plataforma.
- Yungas Manakin** ◇ *Chiroxiphia boliviana* Several male and female was seen at Plataforma.
- Blue-rumped Manakin** ◇ (Milky-rumped M) *Lepidothrix [isidorei] leucopygia* Excellent views at Plataforma. **NT**
- Painted Manakin** ◇ *Machaeropterus eckelberryi* A single male was eventually seen well at Waqanki.
- Fiery-capped Manakin** ◇ *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus* Another sneaky manakin seen at Waqanki [nominate].
- Golden-headed Manakin** *Ceratopira erythrocephala* Three females were seen at Waqanki [berlepschi].
- Amazonian Royal Flycatcher** *Onychorhynchus coronatus* (H) One heard at Quebrada Upaquihua.
- Black-tailed Myiobius** *Myiobius atricaudus* Seen at Quebrada Upaquihua near Tarapoto [adjacens].
- Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* A few noted, the first at Waqanki [fortis].
- Foothill Schiffornis** ◇ *Schiffornis aenea* A singing bird was tracked down at Plataforma.
- Yellow-cheeked Becard** ◇ *Pachyramphus xanthogenys* Excellent views of two pairs at Tamborapa [peruanus].
- Barred Becard** *Pachyramphus versicolor* A single male was seen along the Owlet trail [meridionalis].
- White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* Several seen, first at Tamborapa [tenebrosus].

Black-and-white Becard *Pachyramphus albogriseus* A singing male was seen at Tamborapa [*salvini*].
Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Several seen at Abra Porculla [*virinticeps*] elsewhere [*saturata*].
Chivi Vireo *Vireo chivi* Several seen around Jaen [*griseobarbatus*] elsewhere on the tour [*pectoralis*].
Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* Several seen in mixed flocks, first in the Utcubamba Valley [*nominata*].
White-collared Jay ◊ *Cyanolyca viridicyanus* Seen above Leymebamba and at Abra Patricia [*jolyaea*]. **NT**
White-tailed Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax mystacalis* Common in the northwest: many great views at Casupe and Chaparri.
Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas* Several seen, first in the Utcubamba Valley [*nominata*].



Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin (left) at Quebrada Upaquihoa and Inca Jay in the Utcubamba Valley (János Oláh).

Tumbes Swallow ◊ *Tachycineta stolzmanni* A few seen very well at Bosque de Pomac.
White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* Seen in the Utcubamba Valley.
Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca* Common.
Brown-bellied Swallow *Orochelidon murina* Several seen at Abra Barro Negro [*nominata*].
Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Small numbers at a few sites [*nominata*].
Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* A singleton was seen near Moyobamba [*nominata*].
Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Several seen, the first along the coast south of Lima [*macroramphus*].
Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* Seen at the paddyfields near Moyobamba [*nigrodorsalis*].
Fasciated Wren ◊ *Campylorhynchus fasciatus* Several seen in the northwest, the first at Rafan.
Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* A distinctive voice! Seen at Plataforma [*hypostictus*].
Grey-mantled Wren ◊ *Odontorchilus branickii* Brilliant views in flocks at Afluente and at Plataforma [*nominata*].
Plain-tailed Wren ◊ (Grey-browed W) *Pheugopedius [euophrys] schulenbergi* (H) San Lorenzo. See note
Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* Seen well at Waqanki [*amazonicus*].
Speckle-breasted Wren ◊ *Pheugopedius [sclateri] paucimaculatus* Seen well at Casupe.
Speckle-breasted Wren ◊ (Marañon W) *Pheugopedius [sclateri] sclateri* Excellent views of a pair at Tamborapa.
Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* (H) Heard at Quebrada Upaquihoa near Tarapoto [*peruanus*].
Superciliated Wren ◊ *Cantorchilus superciliaris* Several seen in the northwest, after the first at Rafan [*baroni*].
House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Several seen along the coast [*audax*] and elsewhere [*puna*].
Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis* A few seen well, first at Leymebamba [*macrourus?*].
Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* Plenty heard and also seen at Abra Patricia [*nominata*].
Bar-winged Wood Wren ◊ *Henicorhina leucoptera* Great views in the stunted forest near Abra Patricia. **NT**

Southern Nightingale-Wren *Microcerculus marginatus* Just heard at Waqanki and near Tarapoto [*nominate*].
Chestnut-breasted Wren *Cyphorhinus thoracicus* A pair was seen by some at Abra Patricia [*nominate*].
White-browed Gnatcatcher *Polioptila bilineata* Many great looks in the west.
Tropical Gnatcatcher *Polioptila plumbea* Seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*parvirostris*].
Tropical Gnatcatcher (Marañon G) *Polioptila [plumbea] maior* Seen in the Jaen area and in the Marañon Canyon.
Long-tailed Mockingbird *Mimus longicaudatus* On the coast [*nominate*] and in Marañon Canyon [*maranonicus*].
Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* A great songster; several seen in Abra Patricia [*venezuelensis*].
White-eared Solitaire *Entomodestes leucotis* Great looks of one at the Owllet Lodge.
Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* Common in higher elevation wet forests [*gigantodes*].
Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco* First seen at Porculla, common between Celendin and Cajamarca [*conradi*].
Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus* Its dull song was commonly heard, and two seen at Abra Patricia [*nominate*].
Plumbeous-backed Thrush ♦ *Turdus reevei* Seen well at Chaparri, Casupe and Quebrada Frejolillo.
Marañon Thrush ♦ *Turdus Marañonicus* Several excellent looks in the Utcubamba Valley.



Marañon Thrush in the Utcubamba Valley (János Oláh).

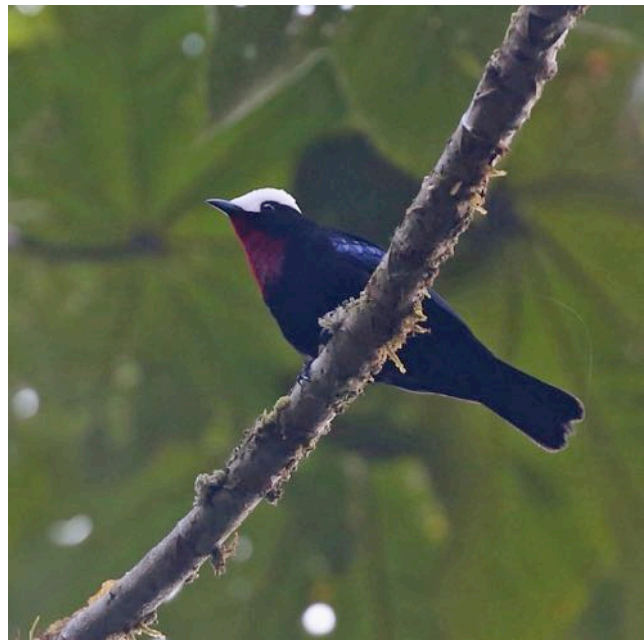
Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* One seen at Morro de Calzada [*nominate*].
Black-billed Thrush (Amazonian T) *Turdus [ignobilis] debilis* Quite numerous in the lowlands of the southeast.
Varzea Thrush ♦ *Turdus sanchezorum* One was seen by some at Waqanki Lodge.
White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* A single was seen by some along the trail at Waqanki [*spodiolaemus*].
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (introduced) A few seen in various towns [*nominate*].
Paramo Pipit *Anthus bogotensis* (LO) Seen at the highest point near Cajamarca [*immaculatus*].
Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus* First seen at Porculla; common between Celendin and Cajamarca [*paulus*].
Golden-rumped Euphonia *Euphonia cyanocephala* Great looks at Plataforma [*nominate*].
Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* (LO) Goo dlooks at Arena Blanca and at Plataforma [*longipennis*].
Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys* A female was seen at Abra Patricia.
Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica* Several seen well after the first in the Jaen area [*taczanowskii*].
Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia lanirostris* Several seen on the west [*hypoxantha*] and east [*melanura*].
Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* A few seen, with best views at Plataforma [*media*].
Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* Several seen, the first at Arena Blanca [*dilutor*].
Rufous-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia rufiventris* One seen near Tarapoto [*nominate*].
Yellow-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis* Seen at Arena Blanca and Plataforma [*nominate*].
Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Two seen in the Abra Patricia area [*hiaticolus*].
Tumbes Sparrow ♦ *Rhynchospiza stolzmanni* A few seen at Chaparri.
Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons* A few seen, the first near Moyobamba [*nominate*].
Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris* One seen at Waqanki by some [*spectabilis*].

Black-capped Sparrow *Arremon [abeillei] abeillei* (LO) One seen at Casupe while we had bigger fish to fry.
Black-capped Sparrow ◊ (Marañon S) *Arremon [abeillei] nigriceps* Eventually great views near Pedro Ruiz.
Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Common and widespread [*huancabambae* and *peruviensis*].
Yellow-breasted Brushfinch *Atlapetes latinuchus* A few seen well, the first in the Utcubamba Valley [*nominate*].
Yellow-breasted Brushfinch ◊ (Baron's B) *Atlapetes [latinuchus] baroni* Seen between Celendin and Cajamarca.
White-winged Brushfinch *Atlapetes leucopterus* Seen at Casupe and Abra Porculla [*dresseri*].
Bay-crowned Brushfinch ◊ *Atlapetes seebohmi* A pair seen at Abra Porculla [*nominate*].
Peruvian Meadowlark *Leistes bellicosus* First seen on the coast and common later in the trip [*nominate*].
Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* Seen in several areas, first at Waqanki [*alfredi*].
Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* A few seen around Waqanki Lodge [*maculosus*].
Olive Oropendola *Psarocolius bifasciatus* One was seen below Plataforma [*yracares*].
Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Common in the southeast of the country [*flavicrissus*].
Subtropical Cacique *Cacicus uropygialis* (H) Heard from the roadside below Abra Patricia.
Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas* Several seen well near to Jaen and in the Marañon Canyon [*taczanowskii*].
White-edged Oriole ◊ *Icterus graceannae* Several seen well in the northwest.
Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* Three were seen near to Moyobamba [*nominate*].
Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* Several seen, first near Moyobamba [*nominate*].
Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* First seen around Chaparri [*occidentalis*].
Scrub Blackbird ◊ *Dives warczewiczi* A few seen along the coast and in the northwest [*kalinowskii*].
Oriole Blackbird *Gymnomystax mexicanus* A few seen around the ricefields near Moyobamba.
Pale-eyed Blackbird ◊ *Agelasticus xanthophthalmus* Great views of a pair in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba.
Black-lored Yellowthroat ◊ (Marañon Y) *Geothlypis [auricularis] peruviana* Good looks in the Marañon Canyon.
Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi* Several on the west [*pacifica*] and east [*alarum*].
Citrine Warbler *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* One was seen well above Leymebamba Canyon [*striaticeps*].
Black-crested Warbler *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* Best views in the high areas between Celendin and Cajamarca.
Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiothlypis fulvicauda* (H) Heard by the river at Waqanki [*nominate*].
Grey-and-gold Warbler ◊ *Myiothlypis fraseri* Good views at Casupe and another seen at Abra Porculla [*nominate*].
Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronata* After hearing a few, great views above Leymebamba [*inaequalis*].
Three-banded Warbler ◊ *Basileuterus trifasciatus* Great views at Casupe and more at Abra Porculla [*nominate*].



Three-banded Warbler at Abra Porculla (János Oláh).

Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus* Just one seen in a mixed flock below Abra Patricia [*nominate*].
Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus* First at Abra Porculla, then in mixed flocks such as at Abra Patricia.
Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus* First seen above Leymebamba.
Tooth-billed Tanager *Piranga lutea* A total of 14 seen, the first at Casupe [*nominate*].
White-winged Tanager *Piranga leucoptera* Excellent looks at Plataforma [*ardens*].
Red-crowned Ant Tanager *Habia rubica* A pair was seen at Waqanki Lodge [*rhodinolaema*].
Olive Tanager *Chlorothraupis frenata* Excellent looks along the road at Tarapoto.
Golden Grosbeak *Pheucticus chrysogaster* First seen in the northwest; plenty in the Cajamarca area [*nominate*].



Buff-bridled Inca Finch (left) in the Balasa Canyon and White-capped Tanager at Abra Patricia (János Oláh).

- White-capped Tanager** *Sericossypha albocristata* Great looks along the Owlet trail at Abra Patricia. **VU**
- Grey-winged Inca Finch** ◊ *Incaspiza ortizi* Stunning views near to Hacienda Limon in the Marañon Canyon.
- Buff-bridled Inca Finch** ◊ *Incaspiza laeta* A few seen well above Balsas in the Marañon Canyon.
- Little Inca Finch** ◊ *Incaspiza watkinsi* Excellent views of one near to Jaen. **NT**
- Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza* Several seen well at lower elevations [*caerulescens*].
- Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis* It was seen below Plataforma and near Tarapoto [*occidentalis*].
- Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus* First seen in mixed flocks at Arena Blanca [*microrhynchus*].
- Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus* A male seen well on the Cordillera Escalera near Tarapoto [*dispar*].
- Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* First seen Arena Blanca [*glaucoocularis*].
- Black-faced Dacnis** *Dacnis lineata* First seen Arena Blanca.
- Greyish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* Just a few seen around Moyobamba [*azarae*].
- Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus* Several seen, first at Rafan [*flavidicollis*].
- Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* Common in the southeast after the first near to Afluente [*nominata*].
- Black-cowled Saltator** ◊ *Saltator nigriceps* Several seen well during our morning at Abra Porculla.
- Slate-colored Grosbeak** *Saltator grossus* One was seen at Plataforma [*nominata*].
- Golden-billed Saltator** *Saltator aurantiirostris* Excellent looks in the Chonta Valley [*iterates*].
- Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* At least 3 forms: northwest [*pacifica*], Marañon Valley [*magnirostris*], east [*dispar*].
- Dull-colored Grassquit** *Tiaris obscurus* First seen well near to Jaen but also near San Marcos [*pauper*].
- Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* Good numbers, especially in the paddyfields near to Bellavista [*peruviansis*].
- Yellow-crested Tanager** ◊ *Tachyphonus rufiventer* A female and a juvenile showed well at Waqanki Lodge.
- Red-pileated Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Two were seen near to Jaen [*fargo*].
- White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus* Small numbers at several sites, the first at Tamborapa.
- Red-shouldered Tanager** *Tachyphonus phoenicius* A pair was seen bathing on the road at Morro de Calzada.
- Huallaga Tanager** ◊ (Black-bellied T) *Ramphocelus melanogaster* First seen near Moyobamba [*nominata*].
- Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo* Most common in the southeast [*nominata*].
- Variable Seedeater** *Sporophila corvina* Two were seen near Tinajones Reservoir [*ophthalmica*].
- Yellow-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila nigricollis* Two were seen near Jaen [*inconspicua*].
- Black-billed Seed Finch** ◊ *Oryzoborus atrirostris* Great views of a pair in paddyfields near Moyobamba [*nominata*].
- Parrot-billed Seedeater** ◊ *Sporophila peruviana* Great looks in Chaparri [*devronis*].
- Chestnut-throated Seedeater** *Sporophila telasco* Only seen at the Little Inca Finch place near Jaen.
- Drab Seedeater** ◊ *Sporophila simplex* Best views were near to Jaen.
- Chestnut-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila castaneiventris* Many seen in the paddyfields near to Bellavista.
- Cinereous Finch** ◊ *Piezorina cinerea* Great looks in the north west, the first at Rafan.
- Collared Warbling Finch** ◊ *Poospiza hispaniolensis* A few seen at Chaparri.

Buff-bellied Tanager ◇ *Thlypopsis inornata* Great views of these excellent birds in the Marañon Canyon.
Superciliaried Hemispingus *Thlypopsis superciliaris* Seen well at San Lorenzo [*insignis*].
Rufous-chested Tanager *Thlypopsis ornata* Two were seen at Porculla. A real cracker [*media*].
Plain-tailed Warbling Finch ◇ *Poospiza alticola* A surprise to have great views of two near to Saturno. **EN**



Grey-winged Inca Finch (left) in the Balasa Canyon and Plain-tailed Warbling Finches near Cajamarca (János Oláh).

Capped Conebill (Blue-c C) *Conirostrum [albifrons] atrocyaneum* Just a few seen above Leymebamba.
Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor* Just four seen along the San Lorenzo ridge [*nominate*].
Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum* Seen at Rafan and in the higher drier areas later in the tour [*littorale*].
Sulphur-throated Finch ◇ *Sicalis taczanowskii* Great views along the road into Chaparri.
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Many sightings in the west [*valida*].
Grassland Yellow Finch *Sicalis luteola* A flock seen on a small lagoon near Cajamarca [*bogotensis*].
Peruvian Sierra Finch *Phrygilus punensis* Great views of several near Cajamarca [*chloronotus*].
Ash-breasted Sierra Finch *Phrygilus plebejus* Several seen around Abra Porculla [*ocularis*].
Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Phrygilus unicolor* Two were seen near Cajamarca [*geospizopsis*].
Tit-like Dacnis *Xenodacnis parina* (H) Heard only near to Saturno, between Celendin and Cajamarca [*bella*].
Band-tailed Seedeater *Catamenia analis* Common along the Rio Chonta Valley [*insignis*].
Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata* A singleton seen on a small lagoon near Cajamarca [*minor*].
Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer *Diglossa glauca* (NL) One was seen by some at Abra Patricia [*nominate*].
Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* First seen above Leymebamba [*melanopsis*].
Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides* A handful seen at Abra Porculla and in the Utcubamba Valley [*decorata*].
Moustached Flowerpiercer *Diglossa mystacalis* Some good looks as we crossed Abra Barro Negro [*unicincta*].
White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera* A few were seen along the San Lorenzo ridge [*affinis*].
Black-throated Flowerpiercer *Diglossa brunneiventris* Several seen around Cajamarca [*nominate*].
Vermilion Tanager ◇ *Calochaetes coccineus* Brilliant views of flock below Abra Patricia.
Yellow-throated Tanager *Iridosornis analis* A couple of seen well in mixed flocks along the road below Abra Patricia.
Yellow-scarfed Tanager ◇ *Iridosornis reinhardti* A real stunner, seen well by Owllet Lodge at Abra Patricia.
Fawn-breasted Tanager *Ripraeidea melanonota* A singleton was seen near Cajamarca [*venezuelensis*].
Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis* Seen in the Chonta and Utcubamba Valleys [*darwinii*].
Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* Several seen, first above Leymebamba [*nominate*].
Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* Smart bird, several seen along the San Lorenzo ridge and Abra Patricia.
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus* Only seen in Plataforma area [*nominate*].
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* We had good views at Abra Barro Negro [*ignicrissa*].
Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus* (LO) Only seen briefly at San Lorenzo [*caerulescens*].
Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* Seen in mixed flocks at Abra Patricia and Plataforma [*bourcierii*].

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* It was fairly common in the Plataforma area [*nominata*].
Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopis* A few seen in the Moyobamba area [*grisea*].
Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* A couple seen in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba [*nominata*].
Dotted Tanager ◊ *Ixothraupis varia* A tricky bird which was eventually seen on the Cordillera Escalera.
Spotted Tanager *Ixothraupis punctata* Seen in mixed flocks along the road below Abra Patricia [*zamora*].
Yellow-bellied Tanager *Ixothraupis xanthogastra* A few seen well, the first at Waqanki Lodge [*nominata*].
Golden-naped Tanager ◊ *Chalcothraupis ruficervix* We had great looks at Plataforma. See note
Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* Seen on the west but common on the east. See note
Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Widespread in small numbers [*melanoptera*].
Silver-backed Tanager *Stilpnia viridicollis* Seen above Leymebamba and in the Utcubamba Valley [*fulvigula*].
Straw-backed Tanager ◊ *Stilpnia argyrofenges* Two were seen at Plataforma [*caeruleigularis*]. **VU**



Immature Straw-backed Tanager (left) and Golden-naped (or Rusty-naped) Tanager at Plataforma (János Oláh).

Blue-necked Tanager *Stilpnia cyanicollis* First seen below Abra Patricia [*caeruleocephala*].
Blue-and-black Tanager (Silver-crowned T) *Tangara [vassorii] branickii* First seen above Leymebamba.
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* First seen above Leymebamba [*berlepschi*].
Blue-browed Tanager ◊ *Tangara cyanotis* Excellent views at Plataforma [*lutleyi*].
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* Most common at Plataforma where plenty in the mixed flocks [*catharinae*].
Golden-eared Tanager *Tangara chrysotis* Excellent looks at Plataforma.
Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* Many seen well along the road below Abra Patricia [*nominata*].
Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii* What a bird! Seen well at Abra Patricia [*urubambae*].
Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* Excellent views at Plataforma [*nominata*].
Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* Just a few seen at Plataforma [*aequatorialis*].
Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* Just two were seen below Plataforma [*boliviana*].
Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* A cracking bird, present in many flocks at lower and mid elevations [*nominata*].
Opal-crowned Tanager *Tangara callophrys* One was seen well below Plataforma.



Andean Night Monkey (top) and the critically endangered Peruvian Yellow-tailed Woolly Monkey (left) at Abra Patricia (János Oláh).

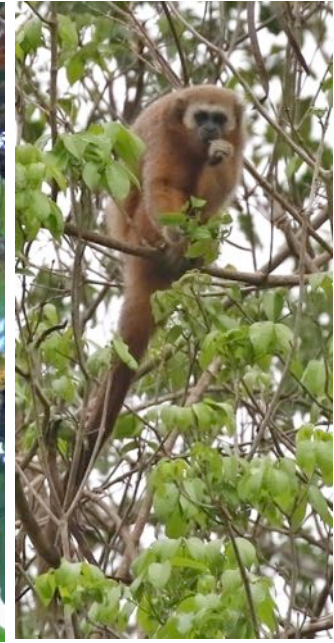
MAMMALS

Andean White-eared Opossum *Dedelphis pernigra* One was seen at Leymebamba while owling.

Andean Night Monkey ◊ *Aotus miconax* Fantastic looks of three individuals along the Owllet trail!

Peruvian Yellow-tailed Woolly Monkey ◊ *Lagothrix flavicauda* A party of four were seen at Abra Patricia. **CR**

Saddle-backed Tamarin *Saguinus fuscicollis* A few seen at Waqanki and a near Tarapoto.



Saddle-back Tamarin (left) near Tarapoto and the critically endangered San Martin Titi Monkey at Quebrada Upaquiuhua (János Oláh).

- San Martin Titi Monkey** ◇ *Callicebus oenanthe* This localised primate was seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhua. **CR**
- Colombian Red Howler** *Alouatta seniculus* (H) We heard them in Plataforma.
- Common Tapeti (Tapiti, Brazilian Cottontail)** *Sylvilagus brasiliensis* One was seen at Plataforma.
- Black Agouti** *Dasyprocta fuliginosa* One was seen on our way to Palataforma.
- Guayaquil Squirrel** *Sciurus stramineus* One was seen at Casupe by some.
- Bolivian Squirrel** *Sciurus ignites* One was seen by some at Plataforma.
- Sechuran Fox** ◇ *Pseudalopex sechurae* A total of 12 were seen in the northwest, mostly in Chaparri.



Sechuran Fox at Chaparri (János Oláh).

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virgianus* One was seen at Chaparri.

Eastern Lowland Olingo *Bassaricyon alleni* Fantastic looks of two at Palatforma. Huge jump!

Flat-faced Fruit-eating Bat *Artibeus planirostris* The large mango eating bats at Jaen were probably this species.

Handley's Tailless Bat *Anoura cultrate* Many seen at the Owllet Lodge, feeding from the hummingbird feeders!



Handley's Tailless Bat on the hummingbird feeder at Owllet Lodge (János Oláh).

NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

The most up to date referenced taxonomic list referred to in the Tour Report is that of the IOC World Bird Names. (Gill, F and Donsker, D Eds). 2021. IOC World Bird Names vs 10.2. Available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropyrhyinchus*

Excellent views of one at Plataforma. The birds here seem to have a faster than normal song compared to others, and may conceivably represent a new form. There has been a rumour that a new woodcreeper species, colloquially-known as Plataforma Woodcreeper, is still to be described from this site. However, my research suggests that the bird to be described is the foothill form of Long-tailed Woodcreeper, which also occurs in Ecuador. Whether there are two woodcreepers waiting to be described remains to be seen, though the Strong-billed Woodcreeper complex probably needs a complete re-evaluation anyway!

Cajamarca Antpitta *Grallaria cajamarcae*

Now the Rufous Antpitta complex has been sorted and as we long thought this subspecies became a species on its own. We also managed to see the 'other' one in the range (see below) and was only about 50km in a straight line from this species! The range of this species is small, and nearly all of the natural habitat within its range has already been destroyed. Birdlife status has not been evaluated since the split? Fortunately however, they do seem to be quite adaptable, hanging on in the smallest bits of vegetation, even non-native vegetation.

Chachapoya Antpitta *Grallaria gravesi*

Above Leymebamba at Abro Barro Negro we managed to see this newly split species. See above too.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus*

Probably two forms of this species were seen during the tour. The form *piurae* was common and widespread in the northwest, and the form *ardens* was the subspecies was seen around Cajamarca.

Plain-tailed (or Grey-browed) Wren ◊ *Pheugopedius [euophrys] schulenbergi*

Just one distant singing group was noted along the Chido or San Lorenzo trail. This form is highly distinctive both morphologically and vocally and surely merits the specific rank which some authorities already give it. It is a Central Peru species!

Golden-naped Tanager *Tangara ruficervix*

Another smart tanager, seen well at Plataforma. HBW/BirdLife split off the form concerned, *amabilis*, as part of a separate species, Rusty-naped Tanager *T. fulvicervix*.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

Two distinctly different forms noted. A few of the form *quaesita* were seen in the northwest, the first near to Olmos, whilst the very distinctive white-winged Amazonian form, *caerulea*, was very common after our first sightings around Arena Blanca.

APPENDIX: Overall results of the 'Bird of the tour' contest

	Species	Points	Nominations
1st	Scarlet-banded Barbet	38	6
1st	Long-whiskered Owlet	38	4
3rd	Rufous-crested Coquette	14	3
4th	Oilbird	14	2
5th	Stygian Owl	10	2
5th	Pale-billed Antpitta	10	2

APPENDIX 2 - Other fauna & flora recorded

BUTTERFLIES

Common Blue Morpho *Morpho helenor* Waqanki
Sulkowsky's Morpho *Morpho sulkowskyi* Abra Patricia
Theseus Morpho *Morpho theseus* Abra Patricia
Teucer Owl Butterfly *Caligo teucer* Morro de Calzada
Tamarindi Owl Butterfly *Opsiphanes tamarindi* Abra Patricia
Peruvian Golden-rim Swallowtail *Battus streckerianus* Jaen
Broad-banded Swallowtail *Heraclides astyalus phanias* Plataforma
Variable Cattle-Heart *Pardies erithalion* Arena Blanca
Sesostris Cattle-Heart *Parides sesostris* Tarapoto
Vertumnus Cattle-Heart *Parides vertumnus* Tamborapa
Rusty-tipped Page *Siproeta epaphus* Casupe
Cherubina Emperor *Doxocopa laurentia cherubina* Plataforma
False Daggeewing *Hypanartia dione* Abra Patricia
Many-banded Daggerwing *Marpesia chrion* Plataforma



Battus streckerianus (top left) near Jaen, *Caligo teucer* (top right) at Morro de Calzada, *Adelpha messana* (left) at Plataforma and *Hypanartia Cinderella* at Abra Patricia (János Oláh).

- Cinderella Admiral** *Hypanartia cinderella* Abra Patricia
Silky Wanderer *Leptophobia eleone* Abra Patricia
Black-banded White *Itaballia demophile* Plataforma
Mountain White (Common Green-eyed White) *Leptophobia aripa* Casupe
Ghost Yellow *Eurema albula* Chaparri
Paulina Yellow *Eurema paulina* Chaparri
Tailed Orange *Eurema (Pyrisitia) proterpia* Maranon Valley
Puna Clouded Yellow *Colias euxanthe* Abra Barro Negro
White Peacock *Anartia jatrophae* Santa Rosa
Coolie *Anartia amathea* Waqanki, Cordillera Escalera
Pink-banded Sister *Adelpha lycorias* Plataforma
Orange-barred Sister *Adelpha saundersii* Plataforma
Messana Sister *Adelpha messana* Cordillera Escalera
Olynthia Sister *Adelpha olynthia* Plataforma
Orange Crescent *Anthanassa hermes* Casupe
Superb Leafwing *Fountainea nessus* Waqanki
Zavaleta Glasswing *Godyris zavaleta* Waqanki



Perisama clisithera (left) and *Altinote stratnice* (right) at Abra Patricia, and *Heliconius numata* at Plataforma (János Oláh).

- Golden-veined Glasswing** *Godyris sappho* Abra Patricia
- Weymer's Glasswing** *Hyaliris latilimbata* Utcubamba Valley
- Andean Buckeye** *Junonia vestina* Abra Barro Negro
- Variiegated Fritillary** *Euptoieta claudia* Chonta Valley
- Vaninka** *Mesotaenia vaninka* Abra Patricia
- Blue Perisama** *Perisama philinus* Abra Patricia
- Hewitson's Perisama** *Perisama clisithera* Abra Patricia
- 89 Butterfly** *Diaethria neglecta* Plataforma
- Numata Longwing** *Heliconius numata aristonias f bicoloratus* Tamborapa, Plataforma



Rhetus dysonii and *Diaethria neglecta* (left) at Plataforma, and *Chloreuptychia arnaca* (right) at Waqanki (János Oláh).

- Four-spotted Sailor *Dynamine postverta* Utcubamba Valley
- Zebra Teaser *Arawacus separate* Waqanki
- Gaudy Altinote *Altinote negra* Plataforma
- Latreilles Altinote *Altinote stratnice* Abra Patricia
- Cherry-barred Heliconia *Heliconius telesiphe* Abra Patricia
- Chromis Firewing *Catonephele chromis* Abra Patricia
- Harmonia Tiger *Tithorea harmonia* Waqanki
- Aulestes Doctor *Ancyluris aulestes* Waqanki
- Dyson's Blue Doctor *Rhetus dysonii* Waqanki, Plataforma
- Orange-banded Gem *Crocozona coecias* Waqanki
- Blue-washed Metalmark *Napaea heteroea* Waqanki

False Nymphidium *Synargis calice* Abra Patricia
Cippus Eyemark *Mesosemia cippus* Waqanki
Grey Cracker *Hamadryas februa* Chaparri
Feronia Cracker *Hamadryas feronia* Waqanki
Rusty Crescent *Tegosa etia* Plataforma
False Doris *Archonias brassolis* Waqanki
Sisamnus Dartwhite (S Wanderer) *Catasticta sisamnus* Waqanki
Twin-eyed Mountain Satyr *Lymanopoda panacea ocellifera* Abra Patricia
Fiery Satyr *Lasiophila orbifera* Abra Patricia
Thieme's Great Satyr *Pronophila epidipnis* Abra Patricia
Apuleja Mountain Satyr *Eretrys apuleja* Abra Patricia
Westwood's Mountain Satyr *Steroma bega* Abra Patricia, Leymebamba-Abra Barro Negro?



Steroma bega (left) and *Oressynoma typhla* at Abra Patricia (János Oláh).

Common Oressynoma *Oressynoma typhla* Abra Patricia, Waqanki
Arnaca Blue Ringlet *Chloreuptychia arnaca* Waqanki
Hermes Ringlet *Hermeuptychia hermes* Waqanki
Cucullina Ringlet *Hermeuptychia cucullina* Plataforma
Penelope's Ringlet *Cissia penelope* Waqanki
Banded White Ringlet *Pareuptychia ocirrhoe* Waqanki
Pedaliodes peruda San Lorenzo
Forsterinaria guanilo Abra Patricia
Powdered Grey Spurwing *Antigonus erosus* Plataforma
Sharp-banded Skipper *Autochton zarex* Waqanki
Pasture Skipper *Vehilius stictomenes* Plataforma
Variable Blue Skipper *Pythonides jovianus* Waqanki
Teelus Longtail *Urbanus teelus* Plataforma
Tanna Longtail *Urbanus tanna* Waqanki
Dorantes Longtail *Urbanus dorantes* Waqanki, Plataforma
Bell's Longtail *Urbanus belli* Plataforma
Orcus Chequered Skipper *Pyrgus orcus* Chaparri, Plataforma
Heraldica Hairstreak *Nicolaea heraldica* Chaparri, Tamborapa
Hanno Blue *Hemiargus hanno* Chaparri
Cyna Blue *Zizula cyna* Chaparri



Nicolaea heraldica at Chaparri, *Pyrgus orcus* (left) and *Urbanus belli* (right) at Plataforma (János Oláh).